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## Affordable housing proposed at motel

**Dawn Frasier**  
**EL CERRITO** — The Redevelopment Advisory Committee will meet at the El Cerrito City Center (located at the intersection of the Redwood Highway) to consider a new development proposal for the Idaho Motel, which is meeting next Monday.

The committee supports the affordable housing project proposed at the motel, which is in the process of being converted into a single-room occupancy housing project. The motel has several rooms that are currently vacant, and the committee believes that these rooms could be used to provide affordable housing for people in need.

The motel is located on San Pablo Avenue near Central. It is a two-story building that was built in the 1950s. The motel has been owned by the same family for many years. The family is now looking to sell the motel, and the Redevelopment Agency is looking to purchase it. The agency is planning to convert the motel into a single-room occupancy housing project. This project would provide affordable housing for people in need. The project would consist of converting 10 of the motel's rooms into single-room occupancy units. The units would be rented for a maximum of \$150 per month. The project would also include a common area with a kitchen, a living room, and a bathroom. The project would be managed by a non-profit organization. The project would provide a safe and affordable place for people to live. The project would also provide a place for people to get help with their problems. The project would be a great addition to the community. The project would provide a place for people to live and a place for people to get help. The project would be a great addition to the community.

tion by Mike Farber, Rubicon's housing development project manager, and Chuck Lewis, chairman of the board of the non-profit company. Lewis, a member of the original RAC and long active in redevelopment planning, also gave an overview of Rubicon's work.

### Rubicon's history

The Richmond-based organization "started 22 years ago with the movement to change the way we deal with mental health," said Lewis. At that time, many persons who had been living "isolated in mental hospitals" began to live in the community again. Rubicon was "started by a group of liberal do-gooders (including Lewis) who decided we needed to do something," he said. First came a drop-in program on Macdonald Avenue. The \$6 million operation now employs 100 full-time employees, serves about 1,000 clients a year and provides a

variety of services, including daycare, job training, money management programs and vocational services.

Lewis said job training had always been Rubicon's strong suit, but clients were not always able to find employment, since they had no job history. It was then that the board decided to offer clients their "first job," as an extension of training.

torial program is equally successful. In addition, a new bakery provides San Francisco restaurants with quality desserts.

"Now there are more than 100 restaurants where those pastries you're shown on that dessert tray were made by homeless people in Richmond," he said.

Lewis characterized Rubicon as an organization that goes beyond the basic government requirements for use of funding, always going "outside the box" to provide better services to those who need them. The Idaho Motel project, he said, "is like another step for us."

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It was Lewis who came up with the first idea. When the Co-op was sold, leaving its nursery empty, he suggested use of the property. The result was a landscaping job program for which his house was the first client.

Now that program counts Treasure Island among its clients; a jani-

### An ideal location

Farber said Rubicon has been looking at single-room occupancy housing for some time and said the potential in the Idaho Motel ideal. It's near transit and shopping and has an appropriate configuration, including adjacent office space for day and evening services, as well as



The Idaho Motel, on San Pablo Avenue near Central.

an adaptable size. Extremely low income people, he said, can work well with smaller, easy-care spaces and don't need the kinds of storage desired by those with many possessions. Savings in costs of development, therefore, can go instead into beneficial programs.

The Idaho Motel also carries an extremely helpful benefit with it. Unlike many similar establishments which constantly change owners, the motel has been owned by the same person for 10 years, Farber said. For that reason, the federal government is willing to offer tax credits for its rehabilitation by the non-profit organization.

Those tax credits will be sold to

"private investors" (companies like PG&E or Chevron often participate), who provide funding for construction with monies they would have spent on taxes anyway.

Rubicon brings another financial advantage to the project. It was just awarded 29 Section VIII vouchers from the federal government. They are worth \$1.7 million and will be paid out over a 10-year period. Those monies, combined with rents in the \$175 range, will cover mortgage payments to the bank for the next 10 years.

That's where the Redevelopment Agency comes in — and where much of the concern lies.

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## Albany youth services get a boost

**Baron J. Leach**

**ALBANY** — There's some good news for Albany. The Village has hired Dara Birnbaum as Director of Youth Services. Her pilot program began this month and reaches beyond the Village campus to serve throughout an extremely diverse community. All this service is free.

Birnbaum's new project is an Academic Support Program for Albany Middle School students. Although schools have a positive reputation, the need for more interaction with students remains high. Birnbaum's position comes from the University of California, Berkeley, where she was a three-quarter time Teen Services Coordinator. She runs programs out of the Village. While Birnbaum is not a city employee, she is a volunteer. She provides additional services to the underserved youth population. Smalley is opening up with Birnbaum, and vice versa, since their overlap. "There are not enough afterschool

things to do," observed Smalley. "Every city has trouble kids." Although gang types of activities are not common here, Smalley noted, "our kids are kind of wannabe-ish."

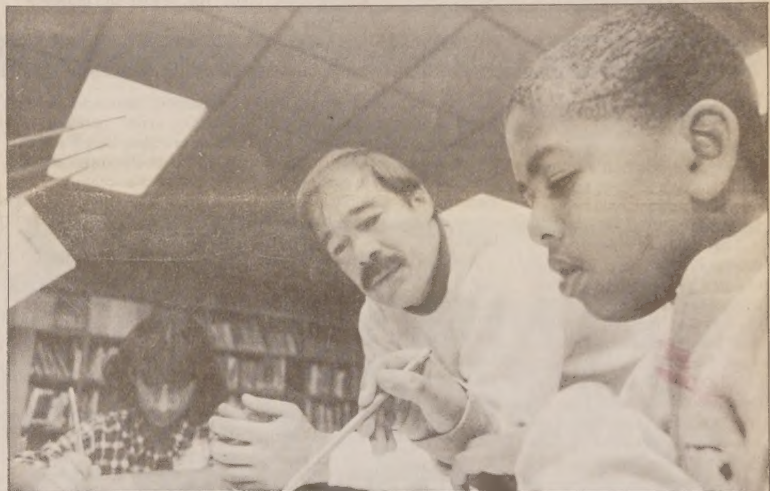
On the face of it, the new Academic Support Program is a tutoring service to kids who want help with their homework. Each Wednesday evening through the school semester, students of the program meet in the Middle School library and get to pick the brains of a highly educated team of volunteer tutors. The tutors include university students with a range of expertise and backgrounds. Many of

the kids in the program are new to the United States and are struggling with the English language. The Academic Support Program is encouraging academic growth, and providing a bridge across cultural, age, and language differences.

"I want to make it easier for kids to succeed," said Birnbaum. She hopes to "catch them before they fall through the cracks...and spark them to want to learn."

Birnbaum has a fifteen year history working with kids in the community. She started KidsCorner as a

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Tutor Ed Powell helps 6th grader Antonio Troupe with his fractions while Daniel Nachmany, also a 6th grader, works on a problem alone.

## 'Earthquake Dave' saving Albany job

**Baron J. Leach**

**ALBANY** — Dave Simpson is the blood of city government and the citizens than any other.

What Doug Donaldson, chair of Albany's Earthquake Preparedness Program (EQPP), has said is the contribution made to the man known to some as "Earthquake Dave."

Simpson will be leaving city service next month to take a teaching position at Urban Planning at Texas A&M. "Our loss is academia's," said City Administrator David Smith, who feels the city has lost immeasurably from Simpson's role as Disaster Preparedness Coordinator.

Those who have worked with Simpson agree his loss will be felt. "He brought city government to the living rooms and made it personal," said Helen Munch, chair of Albany's EQPP. "He is a volunteer community leader who has been involved in the grassroots of disaster planning in Albany were first sprouting. He brought the level of involvement up quite a bit by appearing at two hundred homes," she

ored Albany for its outstanding neighborhood approach to Earthquake Preparedness.

"The thing that's different about Albany's program is that ours has always had a focus on the individual's interaction with the neighborhood," said Simpson. There are approximately 100 cities in the Bay Area. Other cities have offered services like skills training in fire suppression and first aid, but Albany's block-by-block strategy gets people in touch with one another. It is this personal contact that makes Albany feel to many like a small town. It is also the personal contact with Dave Simpson that many citizens have enjoyed and many will miss.

While working for the city of Albany since 1992, Simpson has been pursuing a Ph.D. in Urban Planning at UC Berkeley. As part of his doctoral research, he released a report this week which sheds light on why Albany's program has been so successful.

What his report shows is that Albany's residents are past denial of the danger posed by living on a faultline and are investing time and energy in preparing for possible disaster. Not all neighborhoods in Albany are organized or have block captains, but the study did look at over 700 households in the community who are at various stages of neighborhood preparedness. Simpson compared the city of



Dave Simpson with block captain Nadja Christian at the stroll.

Albany with the city of Millbrae. He chose Millbrae as a comparison city because it is similar to Albany in terms of population size, nearness to a dangerous faultline, and in terms of media exposure following Loma Prieta. With one difference. Millbrae did not have a neighborhood plan like Albany's.

The results were significant. Organized blocks in Albany reported

10 percent more of residents' houses have been bolted to their foundations than were the homes in Millbrae. There was a 13 percent difference in the number of Albany households with a family plan for what to do in a disaster. Albany's organized neighborhoods reported 27 percent more people trained in Search and Rescue.

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## Candidates vie for Berkeley endorsements

**By Will Harper**

**BERKELEY** — The Berkeley Democratic Club, the city's leading moderate electoral group, endorsed occasional foe Carla Woodworth for Assembly and Bob Campbell for Senate last week.

Woodworth, a five-year member of the Berkeley City Council, was able to earn the needed 60 percent majority of voting in a runoff with former Albany Mayor Robert Cheasty. Eighty club members turned out to cast their votes for one of the five candidates for the 14th Assembly District, which includes

North Oakland Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito and Richmond.

The three other Democratic contenders — Dion Aroner, Mark Friedman, and Jim Rogers — vying to replace 20-year Assemblyman Tom Bates received marginal support.

In the race for the ninth Senate district, where two current members of the Assembly are seeking election in the lower house, the club overwhelmingly supported 13-year Assemblyman Bob Campbell from Richmond over Oakland Assemblywoman Barbara Lee. The Senate

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## El Cerrito housing strategies reviewed

**By Dawn Frasier**

**EL CERRITO** — The Redevelopment Advisory Committee got a crash course in "Redevelopment Agency Affordable Housing Requirements" at its meeting Monday night. The presentation by agency manager Gerry Raycraft was meant to serve as background for a committee discussion on a newly proposed affordable housing project at the Idaho Motel. (see accompanying article.)

First, Raycraft explained to the

committee the housing fund requirement set by California state law.

When development occurs in a redevelopment area, upgrading previously blighted property or buildings, the redevelopment agency receives the property tax increments that have resulted from the improvements. Those increments serve as a revenue base for the agency's ongoing projects.

Twenty percent of that revenue, however, must by state law be set aside for affordable housing — re-

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# So much for sunshine and fresh breezes at Albany City Hall

OLD CODGERS AROUND Albany, as is the vaunted way of old codgers, like to hark back to the bad old days. One of their favorite stories to tell is about how councilmen used to decide the city's fate secretly in the back room five minutes before the weekly meetings.

I suppose the same cautionary tales are being spun out in backwaters everywhere and probably to the same effect.

Pointing up how bad it was and how things have changed is the generic name that has stuck to this nefarious practice: the "smoke-filled room." Doesn't that conjure up a vision of power-crazed white guys, heads together in a cloud of carcinogens, scheming and plotting to further their own ends though.

ALONG ABOUT 1972, and subsequently, so-called "sunshine" laws were enacted to brighten official corners. All meetings must hereafter be public. Freedom of information are watchwords. With insolence of office all in the past, any Albany citizen who has anything at all to say can get up and say it any time the spirit moves her.

Unfortunately for lightening things up, if a citizen wants a response she is also free to tap dance and whistle Dixie. The best known of the rays of sunshine, the Ralph Brown Act, prohibits discussion of anything that's not on the agenda.

NOWADAYS CITY HALL air is pure and all thoughts of a smoke-filled room there, or anywhere else in town for that matter, are old hat, passe, gone with the wind. In their infinite wisdom, voters — well, 39 per cent of them anyway — have created a city council of squeaky-clean missionaries.

The good of the city is their only motivation for all acts large and small. So intent are they on delivering Albany from evil and guiding the citizen-sheep in the ways they should go, they give new meaning to the old phrase "city fathers (and mothers)."

TRUE TO THE SPIRIT and letter of Ralph Brown, Albany councilpersons never speak to or wink at each other in private to reveal personal views on public matters.

They thrive on citizen input and beg for more. They attack and solve problems facing our



By Phyllis Lyon

town which are way too complicated and arcane for average citizens to comprehend.

They hold the overworked and underpaid city staff in a high esteem second only to their admiration for the corps of citizen-volunteers who make Albany the wonderful place it is.

How do I know all this? They say so.

THE FLY IN MY OINTMENT is the difference between what they say they do and what they appear to be doing. The new way of the world may be putting the big spin on the facts, but shuckin' and jivin' in Albany? It can't happen here.

In the case of people serving on boards, committees and commissions, for instance, all citizens may seem equal but some appear to be more equal than others depending on whether or not they go with the program.

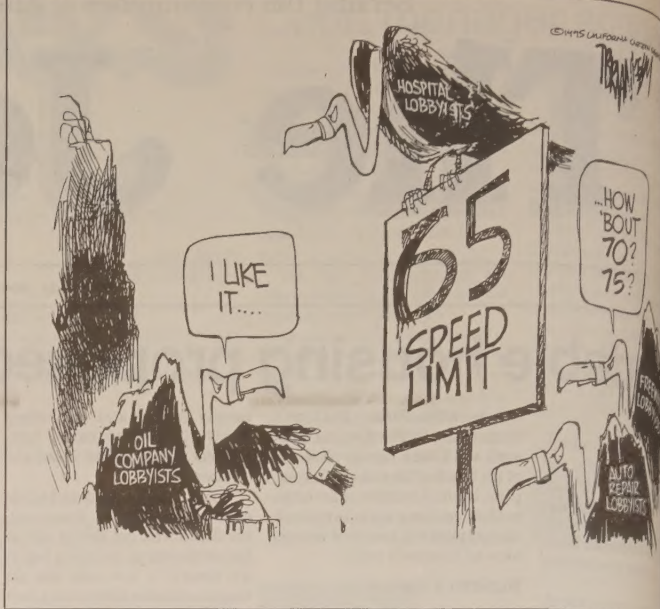
Those who do have unprecedented access to city hall, those who don't are history. So much for citizen input.

OR HOW ABOUT THE scheme now hatching to turn the governance of the city over to a "city administrator?" If they mean "city manager," wouldn't it help if they'd say so. Maybe that's another one that won't fly if the voters know too much.

They can always take the other tack and flood us voters with so much unassimilable so-called information we don't know what in heck is happening, as in the case of the cardroom. Whatever works.

Cutting the number of public meetings by half has made it twice as hard to discover out what may be on city hall's mind. Probably just a coincidence, but so much for sunshine and fresh breezes blowing through our small town ambience.

OLD CODGERS SUSPECT we've traded "smoke-filled rooms" for "smoke and mirrors," but what do they know.



## Police Reports

## Sizzler Restaurant robbed at gun point

By K. Osborn

ALBANY— On the night of Nov. 7 two thieves entered the Sizzler Restaurant on San Pablo Avenue and placed an order. When the clerk opened the cash drawer one of the thieves pushed the clerk back and pointed a handgun at him. He took money from the register then pointed the gun at the customers telling them to get down. The second thief stood by and then they both fled out the door. Police are following leads and descriptions from the video cameras to identify the thieves.

On the afternoon of Nov. 10 a thief described as a black male in his mid-twenties, 5-feet, 10-inches tall, with black short cropped hair, brown eyes, wearing a black navy pea coat, navy shirt, and black jeans demanded money from a teller at the Bank of America on Solano Avenue. He said he had a gun. He put the money the teller gave him into a white plastic bag and walked out the door. Police are investigating.

On the afternoon of Nov. 7 an El Cerrito woman driving north bound on the 500 block of Santa Fe Avenue suffered a heart attack and crashed into a tree. The tree was uprooted, the car totaled and the woman and her passenger, a man from Daly City, were transported to Highland Hospital. Both were reported as deceased.

Between 8 a.m. on Nov. 3 and 7:30 a.m. on Nov. 6 thieves stole a white 19-inch bike which was padlocked to a post at Albany High

School and departed unseen.

On the morning of Nov. 6 the Vice Principal at Albany High School called Albany Police for assistance with an 18-year-old Emeryville boy who was in possession of a knife on the school grounds. He claimed he was carrying it for protection from other students. The knife was confiscated.

On the evening of Nov. 6 Albany officers responded to the railroad tracks near Buchanan Street on reports of a person who had been hit by a train. They found a Berkeley man who had a broken left arm and said he had been walking his bike on the tracks and didn't realize how fast the train was traveling. The train hit him on his left side. He was transported to Alta Bates Hospital by paramedics.

Unknown vandals smashed out the driver's side window of a white 1988 Buick Century parked on the 1100 block of Solano Avenue but didn't take anything from inside. They also smashed the left passenger side window of a blue 1994 Dodge Caravan parked in the same area. In both cases the vandals departed unseen.

At about 6 a.m. on Nov. 7 Albany officers stopped a Berkeley man on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue for a vehicle code violation. A check revealed he had a "no bail" warrant and a \$5,000 warrant, both from Oakland. He was arrested, booked and held.

Between 3:15 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Nov. 7 thieves stole a bike which was locked up in an alley on the 900

block of Kains Avenue with no witnesses.

Between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. on Nov. 7 a thief entered a business on the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue, stole a key, stole cash from a drawer then locked the door and left. There were no witnesses. Police are following leads.

Just before midnight on Nov. 6 officers observed a person running a red light while traveling on San Pablo Avenue near Buchanan Street. When stopped to be intoxicated and on a bribery Test score was arrested and released when sober.

Between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Nov. 10 thieves stole a bag roof rack from a car parked in the driveway of a residence on the 500 block of Tevin Street, with no witnesses.

During the early morning of Nov. 11 thieves successfully, to steal a section of aluminum business on the 500 block of Avenue by dragging it. When employees arrived at 5:30 a.m. they found the but they saw no people.

During the week of Nov. 11 Albany officers fingerprinted people at their request. Cars, responded to 14 calls, attended to four domestic animals, assisted six people were locked out of their car and responded to one barking dog.

## Letters to the Editor

### Scooters make sense

Editor:

I enjoyed Bill Paul's column about riding a scooter, and wanted to add my own two cents' worth.

I have a lot of fun with my scooter too, and especially enjoy children's reactions to it. Their eyes get as big as saucers, and obvious they're dying for a ride — if I could accommodate them, I would.

Adults, on the other hand, are fascinated by the hoist I use to get my scooter in and out of the van. They try not to be obvious for fear of being impolite, so let me tell everybody right now that it doesn't offend me to have an audience. I've met some pretty nice people that way!

Mr. Paul and I, however, must visit very different stores, for I have had a lot of trouble with barriers to access. I've found very few two-story shops that provide access upstairs, and one that provides access for wheelchairs, but whose lift is too small for my scooter.

I understand that modifications like this are expensive, and will take time to achieve. However, I encounter many barriers that would cost little or nothing to remove. For example, the pharmacy in a local discount warehouse that piles merchandise in all the aisles, completely blocking my access. And a warehouse-like store in Berkeley whose aisle layout (and merchandise-stacking) makes it very difficult

to navigate. I once bought \$150 worth of merchandise from a tiny store in Walnut Creek with a good layout because I couldn't get close enough to see it at this gigantic store with the careless layout. (Merchants — are you listening?)

But good experiences abound. One thing about being disabled — you often see the very best part of human nature. If people see that you have a need, they fall all over themselves to help you. Their kindness warms the heart.

Ellen Clark  
El Cerrito

### Can't dismiss mistakes

Editor:

When one English major fails to properly research history you can dismiss it. When a second English major corroborates, however, the truth must be revealed. I speak of Mike Brodsky's essay (Mayor's Desk, Sept. 28) about the birth of Albany from the historic town of Ocean View, and the follow-up piece by Phyllis Lyon on Oct. 19 on the same subject.

The mayor suggests that Ocean View was home of a contingent of shotgun-toting women who held back Berkeley's garbage wagons, and that these women then marshaled forces to become the independent city of Albany.

While it makes a nice story, it is not true. Ocean View was once an autonomous

community, developed in West Berkeley mainly between Delaware Street and University Avenue (You'll notice a large number of 19th-century Victorian homes there, and none in Albany.) In 1878, Ocean View decided to jointly incorporate with the campus-based city of Berkeley. Ironically, the two joined because both feared they would be annexed by Oakland.

Where the shotgun-toting women fit in I'm not quite sure, but I disagree with Phyllis Lyon's assertion that they would have swooned at the thought of regional government. To the contrary, their actions were indeed regional; fighting against one community dumping its negative impacts upon another. Unfortunately, we do not have regional government, and in these post-Prop. 13 days of limited tax revenues, cities find themselves competing over less-than-desirable 'big-box' retailers, mega-theaters, and even casinos in order to pay for the city services. Witness Albany's prostitution of itself for gambling revenues. While the problem is regional, the solution is systemic; an overhaul of how cities are able to raise revenue is needed.

Revealing the environmental impacts of projects is another solution. This process, required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), gives decision-makers as well as neighboring

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## El Cerrito Blotter

## Multiple cases of vandalism reported in

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Numerous cases of vandalism were reported.

Windows were broken in vehicles in the 900 block of Shelvin Drive during the night of Oct. 30 and the 2900 block of San Mateo during the night of Oct. 31.

A rear window was shattered at Manila, east of Liberty on Nov. 1 or 2; at about 6:10 p.m. Nov. 2, a window was shot in the 500 block of Colusa with a pellet or BB gun.

A camper shell was smashed in the 3300 block of Carlson Boulevard during the night of Nov. 3.

On Nov. 6, windows were shot with BB or pellet guns in the 2600 block of Yuba Avenue (afternoon), and a window was broken in the 1700 block of Liberty between 11 p.m. and 11:50 p.m.

There were several other acts of vehicle vandalism reported. Someone siphoned gas out of a vehicle parked in the 7600 block of Roger Court during the night of Nov. 6; a vinyl top was ripped in the 900 block of Avis Drive during the night of Nov. 3. Someone slashed the tires of a vehicle parked in the 6500 block of Eureka during the night of Oct. 29.

A rock was thrown at a vehicle hood when the car was parked at the El Cerrito Community Center at 8:35 a.m. Nov. 7; also at the community center, a car was damaged between 2:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Oct. 27 when pieces of asphalt were thrown from Portola Junior High School.

There were also a number of

shooting incidents involving residential windows. A kitchen window was shot in the 2700 block of Kern Street during the night of Nov. 3; two holes were shot into a window in the 700 block of Hancock Way during the late afternoon Nov. 2.

An apartment door was shot in the 900 block of Lexington at 5:15 p.m. Oct. 27; a window was shot in the 400 block of Liberty at 11 p.m. Nov. 6.

Four BBs were shot through the front window of a residence in the 5500 block of Macdonald between 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Nov. 6.

A rock was thrown through an apartment window in the 1000 block of Liberty at 3:10 p.m. Oct. 30; a rock was thrown through a residential window in the 2300 block of Carquinez at 12:10 a.m. Oct. 29.

Someone poured a gallon of used oil on a porch in the 5700 block of Central Avenue during the night of Oct. 31.

In acts of commercial vandalism, a rock was thrown through a window at Barbara's Fashion Odyssey at 2:32 a.m. Oct. 31; a BB was shot through a window at Leon's Hair Cutters during the night of Nov. 6.

Pastime Hardware was vandalized with graffiti on the afternoon of Nov. 7.

Power tools were reported stolen from a garage in the 7900 block of Terrace Drive between Oct. 27 and 30.

A purse with cash was taken from a patio in the 7300 block of

Pebble Beach Drive on Nov. 27 and 29.

A potted plant was stolen from a porch in the 600 block of Kern Street during the night of Nov. 3.

Among vehicles stolen were: a 1995 Honda from the 10500 block of Avenue during the day of a 1989 Toyota pickup truck from the 1000 block of Lexington at Oct. 30, a 1986 Toyota from the 1300 block of Drive during the night of a 1984 Toyota Camry from the 10900 block of San Pablo during the night of Nov. 6.

Rear license plates were stolen from vehicles parked at San Pablo Oct. 27 and at the block of El Dorado during Oct. 27.

Auto burglaries were reported in the 100 block of Oct. 27 during the night of Oct. 27 (a phone was taken), a television set at Huber and between Oct. 27 and 30 (a television and tools taken), a block of San Pablo Avenue during the night of Nov. 4 (a CD player), at El Cerrito Plaza during Oct. 29 (check printer), and a wallet was stolen from an Auto on the afternoon of Nov. 7.

A banner was taken from Star Montessori School during the night of Oct. 26. A wallet was taken from a checkout stand at Lucky Plaza, between 3 p.m. and Oct. 30; a cellular phone was taken from a car on Oct. 30.

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## Robbery under investigation

Jenna Ward

ALBANY — Two men walked in the Sizzler Restaurant on San Pablo Avenue on last week, studied the menu and then ordered the contents of the cash register.

"Of course I was frightened," said manager Brad Gilbert, who still looks nervous when he recalls a robber holding an automatic weapon in his hand before swatting him aside.

The robbery was captured on the video surveillance camera, which Albany police suspect the men were responsible for a string of robberies around the East Albany area, said Detective Willard Leggett, who is heading the investigation.

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## P.L.A.N.T.S. take root

Three years ago Sierra School adopted a portion of Cerrito Vista Park in El Cerrito. The students, staff, and parents at the school are landscaping the barren hillside surrounding the tennis courts. Each year they prepare and plant another portion of the large hillside. P.L.A.N.T.S., an acronym for Plant Life And New Trees at Sierra, is the name Sierra students gave their community service group when they adopted the park. Students have chosen plants for the garden that attract butterflies: such as sticky monkey, California sagebrush, purple sage, fuschias, coyote mint and buckwheat. The group works in the garden year-round weeding, watering, caring for their plants, and removing debris.

## Newsline

### Holiday pool hours

ALBANY — The Albany Pool, located at 1311 Portland Ave., will have special holiday hours for the Thanksgiving weekend. Thursday, Nov. 23, the pool will be open for lap swim from 7 to 11 a.m. Friday lap swim hours will be 6 to 7:55 a.m., 12 to 12:55 p.m. and 6:30 to 7:25 p.m. Recreational swimming will be from 2:30 to 4:20 p.m. and 7:30 to 9:20 p.m. Saturday lap swim hours will be from 7 to 8:25 a.m., 1

to 2:25 p.m. and 4:30 to 6:25 p.m. Sunday lap swim hours are from 1 to 2:25 p.m. and 4:30 to 6:25 p.m. Recreation swim times on Saturday and Sunday are 2:30 to 4:20 p.m.

Plan to celebrate the holidays and exercise away all that good food by swimming at the Albany Pool. For more information phone 559-6640.

### Butterfly lecture

ALBANY — "Monarch Migra-

tion, A Fragile Trek," an informative evening lecture to benefit the Save Albany Hill Trust Fund with Monarch scientist John Lane, M.S. Zoology will take on Saturday, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m. in the Edith Stone Room of the Albany Community Center on Marin Avenue. The cost of admission is \$10.

The Monarch butterfly migration is an endangered phenomena. Educators, environmentalists, community and city leaders, and local residents who are aware of Albany Hill's Monarchs may find the lecture of special interest.

A short butterfly walk will precede the evening lecture. Meet at the Taft Street turnaround on Albany Hill at 3:30 p.m. For more information call 528-3236.

The benefit lecture is sponsored by the Friends of Albany Hill.

# More stop signs on the way in EC

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The City Council has updated its stop sign and signal warrants. The new warrants will ease conditions under which the signs and signals can be installed in El Cerrito. Councilmember Jane Bartke thinks they've been relaxed too much. She voted against the changes adopted by the rest of the council Oct. 2.

The move follows two study sessions conducted early this year concerning the installation of speed humps and the need to undertake a comprehensive speed control program in the city. A policy governing the installation of speed humps was adopted in September.

The council's focus on speed issues was prompted by residents. Several different neighborhoods have sent representatives to the City Council, asking for relief from dangerous traffic patterns. Excessive speeding is perceived to be a major problem. Among neighborhoods concerned about traffic safety are Ashbury Avenue and areas close to El Cerrito High School.

There is some debate over whether stop signs are an effective means of controlling speed and where they are best used. The city's 1985 warrant resolution specifically prohibits the use of stop signs for speed control.

Charles Abrams, the city's consulting traffic engineer, was asked to review the warrants. In his opinion, those warrants were somewhat out of date; he recommended the prohibition on using the stop signs for speed control should be eliminated.

Abrams supports that use for the signs on moderate volume streets. Staff looked at Albany's use of stop signs as part of its research into the issue. It is assumed that the stop signs on Key Route, the Albany portion of Ashbury, are used for speed control, since Caltrans warrants (otherwise adopted without modification by Albany) would not justify their placement.

The more liberal installation policy adopted by the council will allow for more stop signs on minor arterials and collector streets, allowing them on Ashbury Avenue, for example.

"Stop signs still would have to meet a higher standard for higher volume streets...similar to the existing El Cerrito multi-way warrants. Staff will initially evaluate all stop sign requests against warrant criteria with qualified requests being referred to a registered traffic engineer for further evaluation," according to the staff report.

The city receives about two requests for new stop sign installation per month; staff has estimated that 50 percent of the total requests may result in actual installations. The cost of \$750 each, including traffic engineering analysis, should be funded from gas tax revenues.

Should more than 12 sign installations be warranted, staff will establish a chronological priority list.

At the rate of 12 a year, Bartke said last week that she foresees an El Cerrito filled with stop signs.

"We don't need that many stop signs," said Bartke, who does not believe they should be used for speed control. "How many years will it to fill all the intersections?"

Bartke is most concerned about the total number of signs that might eventually be installed. She said she is glad the warrants requiring a certain number of accidents (to prove an intersection is dangerous) have been relaxed.

"Before one does an easy fix with a stop sign, I would rather see more speed enforcement done by our police department to prove there really is a need," she said. "Now, it's mostly word-of-mouth; we have no data."

We need something more substantive than, "We want a stop sign on our corner."

Bartke believes that if the police are doing proper enforcement, they will make the best witnesses as to which intersections are dangerous.

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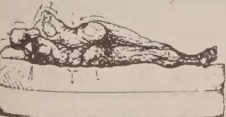
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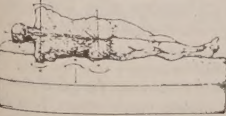
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# County library to upgrade computer access at branches

The time-honored traditions of library service in Contra Costa County will be taking a giant leap forward with the implementation of a new electronic information technology system due to be phased in over the next few months.

The new system will combine state-of-the-art hardware with innovative customer-friendly software to provide access to the ever-increasing information resources in our libraries and throughout the information superhighway.

According to County Librarian Anne Marie Gold, "the system will include many new features, including a computerized catalog of materials owned by the library, access to electronic magazine indexes and the full text of the articles indexed, as well as other electronic information resources such as an encyclopedia, access to the Internet resources such as the World Wide Web, and personalized reading lists for customers interested in reading novels on specific topics." All of these features will be available utilizing the latest in "point-and-click" technology, with bright, colorful graphic screens to appeal to customers of all ages.

Two of the most visible changes

for library customers will be the new catalogs. Adult users will enter their new world of electronic information technology through *Everybody's Catalog*, a point-and-click colorful graphic resource that combines listings of materials that the library owns as well as periodical indexes and articles. With one search of *Everybody's Catalog* customers will be able to find sources of information on their topic of interest in a wide variety of resources.

*Everybody's Catalog* will also let customers access Internet resources as well as search for new novels that meet their reading interests through *NoveList*, a fiction database that links readers' interests with novels on the specific topic. Customers can match a novel, describe a plot, character or subject, explore fiction types such as mysteries, westerns or science fiction or print out lists of award-winning novels.

Customers will also be able to place their own requests for materials that are not currently available and also access information on their own library cards. Children will have their very own special electronic place in the library in *Kid's Catalog*. Browsing through colorful screens of pictures, children can find out what materials are available and then follow a computerized map that will lead them to where the material is shelved.

Library customers at home will

also have more access, both through touchtone telephones and dial-in computerized access. Via touchtone phones, customers will be able to find out information about materials they have checked out and renew materials. Computer users will be able to access the new system via modem to search the catalog and databases as if they were in the library.

CARL Corporation, the developer of the new system, provides software for customer access to the rich resources of the library. Their systems are in use in over 450 libraries nationwide.

In a unique local angle, CARL Corporation was recently acquired by Knight-Ridder Information, Inc., a subsidiary of Knight-Ridder Corporation which also recently acquired Leshar Communications, publisher of several regional newspapers in the area served by the Contra Costa County Library.

Starting the week of Nov. 27 library customers will see gradual introduction of the new electronic information technology system.

On the morning of Monday, Nov. 27, all 23 county library locations will open up with the new circulation component of the system up and running. In order to accomplish the transition, all branch libraries will be closed over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend from Thursday, Nov. 23, through Sunday, Nov. 26.

## Nonprofit store holds holiday sale

EL CERRITO — Holiday shoppers and bargain hunters are invited to a Christmas Shopping Spree at the Turnabout Shop, located at 10052 San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito (between Fairmount and Central avenues). Saturday, Nov. 25, will mark the opening day of the shop's annual holiday event.

The wide selection of items donated and collected throughout the year include jewelry, lin-

ens, china, antiques, toys, books, Christmas decorations, holiday attire, and much more.

The nonprofit thrift shop will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., except on Wednesdays and Sundays. The event will continue through Dec. 16.

The shop is staffed throughout the year by members of the Berkeley Clinic Auxiliary. Founded in 1917, the Auxiliary's principal project for the past 38 years has

been orthodontia for needy children in the community. The group also donates to various local charities, which have included Berkeley AIDS Services, Claremont Center for the Education of the Deaf, Breathe Easy Camp, Northern California Center, Richmond Supporter, and Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.

## Santa, "Gordon" to team up at Hilltop

Two of the country's most popular icons will kick off Hilltop shopping center's 1995 holiday season on Saturday, Nov. 18.

That's the day when Santa Claus will arrive, ready to check his infamous list and start determining who's been naughty and who's been nice. On Saturday afternoon (at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.) the popular "Sesame Street" personality "Gordon", played by actor Roscoe Orman, will also appear.

Gordon will be conducting a special musical show and help unveil the new ImageMe display where children from the community draw what they want to be when they grow up.

The timing and exact whereabouts of Santa that day remain a secret — though there is strong conjecture that he might well be bringing a special gift for Gordon.

The arrival of Santa Claus and Gordon is just the start of what

promises to be one of Hilltop's most activity-filled Holiday events. Each weekend the mall will feature a series of special events featuring elements of fantasy sports and performing arts. In it's 26th season, Hilltop is watched weekly by more than 1 million households. Since 1910, the program has received 85 awards, including Emmys. Hilltop is located at 10000 Hilltop Drive, west of I-880.

## Kensington Holiday Bazaar set for Dec 9

KENSINGTON — The Arlington Community Church Holiday Bazaar and Crafts Faire will be on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 52 Arlington Avenue in Kensington.

Handmade and professional arts and crafts include dolls, toys, quilt-

ing, ornaments, jewelry, sculpture and flower wreaths. There will also be homemade preserves, baked goods, plants and gift books.

Santa Claus will be in attendance from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Families can come dressed up ready to have their Christmas photos taken with Santa.

There will also be an opportunity to do pastel portraits.

There will be a craft exhibit to entertain the children, a hot BBQ lunch, and a dikeiland music. For more information is available at the church office at 526-9146.

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## Time to pay tribute to local teachers

ALBANY — The week of November 12-18 is American Education Week. All over the country, in large cities and small towns, officials and citizens will come to the importance of education in American society.

Education is particularly important in Albany, which has long enjoyed a reputation for its excellent school district.

Albany citizens have shown their support for public education by passing a property tax on them-

selves and voting for bonds to construct new school buildings. The dedication and hard work of Albany's teachers (who make up the largest group of Albany employees) has established a standard for the whole community.

American Education Week comes but once a year. It lasts from November 12 to 18. If you can read this newspaper, thank a teacher.

## County mayors focusing on Caltrans issues

Prior to the special programming containing the various El Cerrito City Council candidate statements for the election that pre-empted the regular feature I write, I had mentioned that the West County Mayors would be meeting with the Mr. Van Loben Sels, the head of Caltrans, to discuss Caltrans' recalcitrance to comply with the law and complete the required mitigations for the expansion of I-80. The critical mitigation that Caltrans was not going to complete was the replanting of trees and shrubs along I-80 to replace what it had ripped out to expand the roadway.

In early October we had our meeting. Mr. Van Loben Sels attended the meeting, but said nothing that altered Caltrans' position that it had no money allocated for the completion of the mitigations and would not complete them at this time as a component of the I-80 work. None of the mayors were satisfied with Caltrans' response to our questions and concerns. Although we all did not expect Caltrans' to change its position at this meeting, I think it is fair to say that we harbored a hope that Van Loben Sels would respond in a more constructive and sympathetic way to our concerns.

At our November meeting we discussed our concerns and considered our next step. One approach is to research the legal issues. We felt that we should know whether we had a strong legal position before proceeding

further with any kind of litigation strategy. Our city attorney, Howard Stern, was willing to work on this issue. The critical legal issue is whether the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) contain provisions that require Caltrans to complete the mitigations that are stated in the joint EIR/EIS for the I-80 widening. A second issue is whether the cities have a right to sue to enforce the completion of those required mitigations.

The second approach has been to lobby the regional agencies that set the funding priorities for Caltrans' projects. The key agency here is the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). Van Loben Sels urged us to request that the MTC consider making the funding for the I-80 mitigations a top priority. The mayors agreed with this idea and have already made such a request to the MTC.

The mayors also agreed to bring the matter back for further discussion at our next meeting in December. I hope we can report further progress on this issue after that meeting.

In my last mayor's column, I also mentioned the signalization issue along San Pablo Avenue. Here the question was how soon we could get the synchronization of the lights to

help lessen the congestion along San Pablo. According to Caltrans this work is almost completely done. We are checking out Caltrans' claim and will do what we can to get this project finished.

I also discussed the library issue. At our last Mayor's Conference we agreed to bring to our cities a proposal for an outside consultant to review the operation of the library system to determine what options we may have and what changes we may wish to make. The 17 mayors of the county all agreed this was a good idea and supported it. Richmond, which has its own separate library system, has agreed to participate.

One of the key issues is cost of setting up separate library system in place of the one centralized system we have now.

A second issue is who benefits from the existing operation and any changes that would be proposed. With this kind of information, we should be able to make an informed decision on what to do. We also felt that it was important to have an outside evaluation done in order to avoid the argument that any evaluation was neutral and independent on any of the cities or the county.

In future columns I hope we can report on the progress we have made.



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# POETRY

Students wrote these poems during workshops with Poet-in-Residence Judith Tannenbaum. This project is funded in part by the California Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. Poetry headline created by Alec Scott, MacGregor High School.

## HEADED NOWHERE FAST

Man, youngstas today.  
Young and corrupted with no sense of life  
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Man, youngstas today.  
Just seem like they can't do right.  
Forced to be grown, but they're children inside.  
Man, youngstas today.

Don't know the vigors of life,  
too stupid to know and too young to die!  
Man, youngstas today.

Shannon Burks  
MacGregor High School

It is night.  
My mom is gone.  
The stars sparkle like diamonds.  
I am not afraid.

I see the moon shining  
like an amethyst in the sky.

Vane Bobet, second grade  
MacGregor Primary School

Book, book,  
Tell me a story, a story.  
Why do you say only, "Book?"

Emilio Garcia, second grade  
MacGregor Primary School

## Local students earn honors

The College Preparatory School in Oakland has announced that four Berkeley/Kensington seniors have been named Commended Students in the 1996 National Merit Scholarship Competition. The students are

Daniel Epstein, Cary Haldan, Sam Loeb, and Nate Schaffran. The honor awarded to only 5 percent of college-bound seniors nationwide.

## Local poet published in book

Virginia Koster of Albany has had an original poem published in "Tomorrow Never Knows," a book of poetry compiled by the National Library of Poetry.

The poem is entitled "Grandchildren" and the main subject is seeing parts of ourselves and relatives in grandchildren.

The National Library of Poetry seeks to discover and encourage poets like Koster by sponsoring

contests open to the public. Poets interested in publication may send one original poem to The National Library of Poetry, 11419-10 Cronridge Drive, P.O. Box 704-1376, Owings Mills, Maryland, 21117. Include your name and address. Poems are also entered in The National Library of Poetry's North American Open Poetry Contest, which awards \$24,000 in prizes annually.

## Masonic Lodge hosts open house

EL CERRITO — El Cerrito Albany Masonic Lodge will host an Open House in the El Cerrito Masonic Center, 6922 Stockton Ave., from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., on Monday, Nov. 20. A 22-minute video of the Masonic Model Student Assistance Training Program seminars will be shown.

The program provides training for administrators, teachers, nurses and staffs of schools from kindergarten through 12th grade.

All expenses for travel, lodging and food are provided by the Masons of California. The seminars provide instructors who teach methods of legal intervention in recog-

nizing physical or substance abused children; those influenced by peer pressure by belonging to gangs; those children at risk of dropping out of schools or of being depressed and at risk of being suicidal.

The program has been used in for 10 years and has been so successful that the state legislature has passed a law requiring a trained core group in each school. At present, there have been 4,000 core groups trained in the Masonic Model Student Assistance Training Program in that state.

The first year in California this program has trained 158 school personnel at the Masonic Home in

Covina, resulting in over 100 students being recognized and referred to agencies for assistance.

Dr. Herbert Cole, Superintendent of West Contra Costa School District, and Dr. John Hudson, Superintendent of Albany School District, both scheduled for 1996 and are interested in taking the program.

The members of El Cerrito Albany Masonic Lodge and members of the community are invited to attend the Open House. Refreshments will be served and a video held following the video tape.

## Volunteer companions for the elderly need

EL CERRITO — Love Is The Answer (LITA) is looking for volunteers in its program of visits to nursing home residents. LITA volunteers offer one-to-one contact and

friendship that residents would not otherwise have.

LITA is also seeking donors. Each \$25 donation enables the organization to train and support a

volunteer for a month. For more information, call 2055 or write LITA at 6830 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito 94530.

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## Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma

## Extraordinaire

cannot help but admire the recent variety of flowers at the store front of Extraordinaire Florist and Gifts located at 1410 Solano Ave.

Operator Majid Nasserri has this shop July 1 with a large variety of fresh and dried flowers, antiques, and unique items including greeting

cards. Nasserri is the owner and operator of Extraordinaire Florist in the Albany area. "Having lived in Albany

for 10 years, I selected my present site as it is a great neighborhood, community and it feels like I am home," Nasserri stated.

When you enter the store, you are greeted by Nasserri with a quick smile that does not disappear.

He has placed throughout the store a variety of green and blooming plants including a terra cotta fountain with water, dried floral arrangements, bouquets and wreaths. He also has medicine folding cabinets from the 1920s with 240 slots for jewelry, framed pictures, baskets, miniature chests, and decanters. Nasserri purchases while some are sold on consignment.

With the holidays approaching, special orders in demand. Nasserri suggests a two-day notice to get exactly what one wants. He has ample flowers on hand to quickly fill an order for all



Majid Nasserri, owner of Extraordinaire Florist

special occasions.

He has weekly standing orders for restaurants, beauty salons and banks. Quotes are given on the phone (call 527-1000). Hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

When possible, Nasserri enjoys roller-blading, gardening, fine dining, operas and stage performances.

## "Albany Christmas '95"

The Albany Chamber of Commerce is again promoting "Albany Christmas '95," an event to encourage shoppers to patronize Albany and neighboring merchants.

The Chamber of Commerce will

place an ad in The Journal, Berkeley Voice and Family Fair (78,000 homes) listing participating merchants who will accept coupons during the weeks of Dec. 4 through 20 for customers to fill in their name and address for a prize drawing.

Each participating business will donate \$15 for a business listing and address.

Some may want to also donate a prize toward the drawing to be held Dec. 21 at the Chamber office. Those who do will be given additional publicity.

The Chamber staff will deliver window posters and coupons for shoppers to fill in at the store or office.

Coupons will be collected by chamber staff. Stores will collect coupons in their own containers.

The Chamber will not provide collection containers. Winners will be notified by phone or mail. First prize is \$100 donated by the Chamber of Commerce.

Winners' names will be placed in The Journal, listing where the winner shopped.

Businesses may mail \$15 to the Chamber of Commerce, 1108 Solano Ave., or phone 525-1771 weekdays between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. by Thursday, Nov. 30. The ad will appear in the Dec. 7 issue of the three newspapers.

A business may choose not to have coupons but may still participate in the ad. Your \$15 business listing is the best bargain this season.

## Sumitomo Bank and Magic Garlic Mixer

Sumitomo Bank and the newly-opened Magic Garlic Restaurant will host a mixer Thursday, Nov. 30, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the bank, 1451 Solano Ave.

There is no admission charge for all business people and their employees and associates. Hors d'oeuvres will be supplied by both businesses and there will be a no-host bar and door prizes.

Guests may RSVP to the Albany Chamber of Commerce at 525-1771 or Sumitomo Bank at 527-8141 by Tuesday, Nov. 28. RSVP's are not necessary but help in the planning.

## Edward Herrnstein Retiring

The community will miss one of its leading citizens when Edward Herrnstein retires at the end of the year from his State Farm Agency he has had for 45 years.

He will not be moving from his El Cerrito residence, just from his long-term and loyal support of community service and client representation.

## New El Cerrito preschool to hold an open house

EL CERRITO—The new Rainbow Hills Yellow Brick Road Preschool will hold an open house Saturday, Nov. 18 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 7075 Cutting Blvd.

New owner, Lois Boyle, has kept the name Yellow Brick Road, since it is so familiar to the community. The school is an entirely new entity, however, and will offer traditional preschool education to children between ages two and five.

The building also has a new look.

"We're completely painted and carpeted and have all new playground equipment," said Boyle, who has a long history in El Cerrito. Currently, she owns Creative Celebration and Costume Corner. She entered the costume and entertainment business 10 years ago, after serving as supervisor of parks and

recreation for the City of El Cerrito for 11 years.

"I know a lot of El Cerrito folks; this is like coming home," said Boyle, who has also owned the Rainbow Hills school age daycare program at Kensington Hilltop School for 10 years.

For the same amount of time, Boyle has been with the Richmond Museum, serving as its president, after many years of activity in district P.T.A.'s.

The public is invited to the open house. Her goal is to open for business on Monday.

Currently, legal action is pending against the owner of the former Yellow Brick Road preschool. The removal of playground equipment is involved in the district attorney's case.

## Albany PTA Council News

## PTA Handbook hot off the presses

By Peggy Thow

The Handbook is here! The "Albany PTA Council Handbook" is now ready for distribution. Written by parents, this 36-page book about the Albany Unified School District outlines school district policies on matters such as student health and safety, curriculum, textbooks, and facilities planning.

It explains how and when to contact teachers and staff. It discusses staff development days, open enrollment, and teacher requests.

It delves into school budget issues, including the use of general obligation bond money. It lists parent and civic groups along with their regular meeting times. It also includes a map, a calendar, and a phone directory of the Albany schools.

Thanks to generous support from Computown, the San Francisco computer store, copies of the handbook will soon arrive, to be distributed through the site PTAs. Look for an announcement at your school.

By publishing this book, PTA Council aims to give parents detailed information on how our schools work. The more we know about how schools work, the better we can be as advocates for our children's education.

## PTA Meetings

Cornell PTA meets tonight, Nov. 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Vista/MacGregor PTA also meets tonight, at 7 p.m., at Vista.

Coming up: PTA Council meets Monday, Nov. 27, at 7:30 p.m., at Albany Middle School. All interested parents are welcome.

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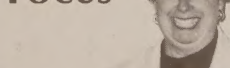
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Friedman's soccer and baseball programs, which are being held in both El Cerrito and Albany, are grouped by age and/or skills, and are not competitive. His philosophy is simple: to provide a program where children can learn and develop both athletic and social skills in a non-stressful environment. The emphasis is always on safety, fun and learning.

With a student/instructor ratio of about 6-to-1 for ages 4 to 6, and between 6-to-1 and 10-to-1 for older children, the safety factor as well as the learning factor are insured.

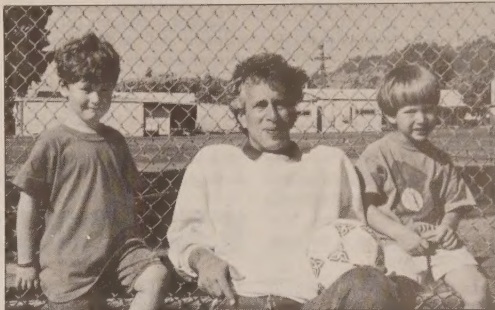
Norman Friedman is very enthusiastic about these programs. He hires college students, for the most part, as his fellow teachers. Many of them are involved in competitions themselves, and have a deep interest in the sports. But they must also have a deep interest in kids to be hired for these programs. Yes, kids — both boys and girls. And he has been getting a good mix in his classes.

Friedman discusses leagues at some length. He is not against the leagues, although he does worry about the extreme

competitiveness that is so often involved in league play. He feels that his program, which emphasizes the game rather than competition, gives the youngsters the background and grounding that they will need to engage in Little League play.

The road that leads people to their current activities is always of interest to me, and so I asked Friedman about his background. And I found it interesting, indeed.

Norman Friedman was born



Norman Friedman with Connor MacDonald (left) and Roy Johnson, both 4 1/2.

in Brooklyn, New York, went to school there and to the University of Long Island. He then went into the service. It was at the end of his military service that his story reads like something out of a book. For Friedman found himself at loose ends and unable to settle down.

He didn't return home, but wandered about Europe, maintaining himself by playing chess and as a musician, playing the blues harmonica.

"While my friends got

involved in careers and marriage," he tells us, "I was wandering, restless." And he adds, "You go overseas, living off your skills and abilities."

He speaks of leaving Israel the day after the Munich massacre, and not finding out about it until he was on the plane.

And he talks of a brief marriage to a Norwegian woman, and later meeting a Danish woman who he married, and with whom he lived in

Denmark for 3-1/2 years. While there he played with a Danish group called the "Delta Blues Band," and, interestingly, he says they always sang in English. He played, also, with musicians who came through, and on TV and radio.

In cafes he played 'speed chess' and 'brats chess,' both successfully. "It didn't take much to live in those days," he remembers, and adds, "I got around on a bicycle."

Oh, yes, and he played

## Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



backgammon, did charity work, and wandered to Australia and Shanghai.

When he returned, finally, he had not a clue about what he would do. He drove a cab in Berkeley, and played his chess and backgammon, until, in 1987, he realized that his way of life "made absolutely no sense," and he had better do something about it.

A meeting with Elizabeth Hubbell gave him direction. She thought he should be "working with kids," and he realized that she was right. His path from there was direct. He went to work for the Berkeley Parks and Recreation, taking 5- and 6-year-olds out to play baseball (also doing groundskeeping and umpiring).

He also worked with some of the schools, working with handicapped children, and started school programs in sports and cartooning. Yes, cartooning. A few quick classes, and in a few weeks he was teaching it.

All of this gave him practice and expertise in working with kids. And that was when El Cerrito invited him to offer programs, and he realized he had found himself.

"I am very process-oriented," he says, "and so what I taught, and now teach, is process." Learning the game — learning the game and having fun. The

kids like organized activities which they can enjoy. And, he added, at my question, many of them are girls. In fact, about 25 percent of the youngsters in his programs are girls.

And now, he says, "I am focused, and I am enjoying life much more. Doing things for other people, and being useful, that's what it's all about."

And in El Cerrito and Albany, scores of children agree with him. It's fun. They are learning and enjoying.

People interested in his holiday or weekend programs are invited to call El Cerrito, at 215-4370, Albany, at 524-9283, or, after hours, call Friedman himself, at 559-8208.

...

I met Norman at the Albany Community Center, and enjoyed talking with him. His programs sounded good to me.

And, as always, I invite all of you to give me your suggestions: interesting people, activities, events, organizations, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany 94706, or call 525-4585.

## Commission seeks members

The Contra Costa County Human Relations Commission is seeking members to fill several vacancies.

The commission's purpose is to foster peaceful relations among citizens of Contra Costa County, including, but not limited to, area of race relations and diversity. The commission meets monthly.

The commission is seeking Asian-Americans, from Laos, Cambodia, Korea, Japan, China, and Islands to apply.

Native Americans, gays and lesbians are also invited to apply.

To insure representation in all areas of the county, the commission particularly seeks West County residents of Kensington, El Cerrito, Richmond, Interden, and should apply as soon as possible.

Members of the Human Relations Commission will be responsible for recommending applicants and will be responsible for recommending to the Operations Committee of Supervisors.

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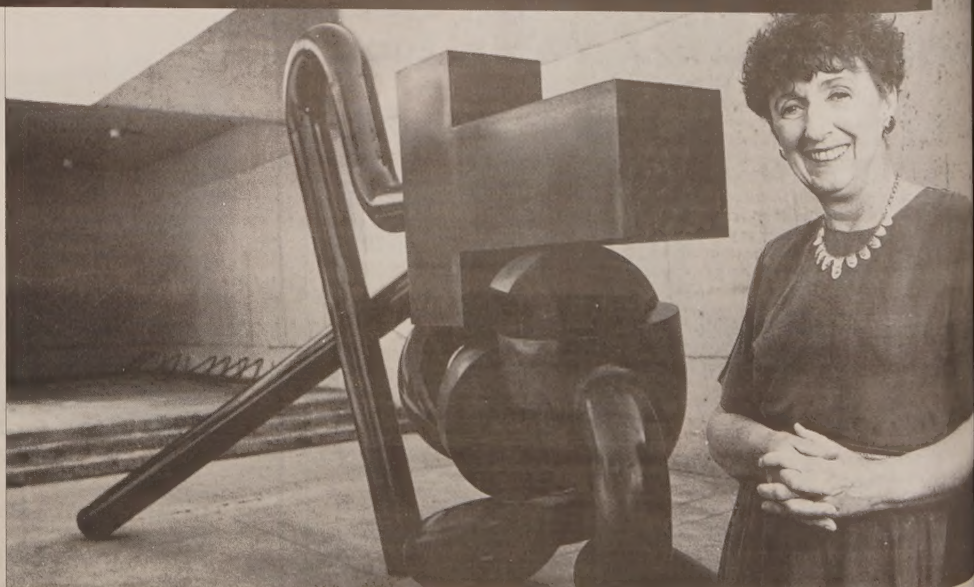
The Oakland Museum of California's strong emphasis on our state's history is unmatched, claims Nancy. "It has terrific natural sciences and art exhibits. The grounds and the building itself are also quite remarkable."

Nancy should know. She's a real estate agent. A wife, a mother. And, with a family history of osteoporosis, a prime candidate for the disease. With three daughters, this is something Nancy isn't taking lightly.

Nancy used her professional instincts to select a hospital. "Summit was warm. The people were friendly. I felt I was in the right place, and in the right hands."

There, Nancy received a bone scan. Plus a list of options — like estrogen therapy — that can help prevent osteoporosis. And keep her browsing museum galleries for a long time.

Nancy Taussig beside one of the Museum's many modern sculptures.







# PET TALK



## The Importance of Pet Grooming

by Frenley, State Humane Officer, The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society

People don't give a lot of thought to grooming, at least until a season rolls around and flea eggs that have been left to hatch into evil little larvae, which, all too soon, cause a major flea infestation.

Even if your dog or cat stays indoors much of the time, you can prevent many problems with simple regular brushing and combing. It's important to purchase the right grooming tools and to buy good quality tools that are a pleasure for you to use.

The grooming sessions give you a chance to get a close look at your pet's skin, and if handled gently and kindly, your pet can feel rewarded by the attention and the nice massage good brushing gives. If your dog is resistant to grooming, try having a couple of hot dogs handy. You can let your dog nibble on a hot dog held in one hand while the other hand brushes. It gives your dog something to do while being brushed and if you keep the sessions short, soon, he or she will look forward to grooming sessions. If you read this article, however, and go out and find your dog or cat matted to the bone or badly tangled, it's a good idea to go to a professional groomer. If you have a breed that needs special clipping (such as Poodles or Schnauzers), it's usually best to have a regular professional groomer to do that work. Far too many people fail to groom between professional groomings, and that's when trouble can start, suddenly and without much notice.

Many people enjoy having an

outcall groomer come to their homes, other like the newest concept, which is the "Self-Service Dogwash." Others solve the problem of bending over bathtubs by inviting the dog into the shower with them. The dog can get out of the shower and wait in the warm bathroom for their persons to shower and then they dry off together. People who have cats will find that regular use of just the flea comb will help to prevent hairballs, fleas and give them some quality time with their cats.

The really important point about grooming is to get to it before the coat gets bad. That means as often as the pet really needs it. Some long-haired animals (Persians, Shih Tsu's) need daily brushing and combing, others (Pointers, Siamese) can get by with once or twice a month and a monthly bath. Find a way to make it enjoyable for you and rewarding for your pet.

## Mudpuppy's Tub & Scrub - Open Daily

Many dog lovers are familiar with the Point Isabel Shoreline Regional Park, as it is one of the few off-leash dog run areas that exist in the Bay Area. Twenty-one acres of rocky waterfront, rolling hills and gentle bayside trails, its off-leash status was achieved in 1987, through dog owners and the Park Department, working together to make this beautiful stretch of land available to the canine public.

Point Isabel's continued existence as an off-leash area depends upon the park users themselves, collectively abiding by an "honor system" of sorts, by following the 5 simple rules posted throughout the park, and listed here.

1. Dog owners must carry a leash.
2. Dogs must be under voice con-

trol and within sight of their owners.

3. Owners must clean-up after their dogs.

4. Dogs showing any aggressive behavior must be leashed immediately.

5. Owners must stop dogs from digging and must fill any holes created by their dogs.

But it is the dogs themselves, their incredible joy of being with one another, as they race without fences or leashes, their instinctive desire for friendly social interaction; they provide the inspiration for the cooperative effort that helps to keep this canine oasis a clean, safe and fun place to visit.

A new and exciting feature at Point Isabel is the opening of a self-service, full-service dog bathing facility located right inside the

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So the next time you and Fido need a "change of place," be sure to experience Point Isabel, an amazing canine landscape and a successful, on-going social experiment for dogs, and the people who love them.

To visit Point Isabel Shoreline Regional Park, take the Central Ave. exit from Highways 80 or 580, in El Cerrito. Head west past Costco and follow the road right into the park.



## Good Cat Grooming

Many people tend to think only of dogs when it comes to groom-

ing. Although cats instinctively groom themselves, they can use some help. Rather than waiting until your furry feline is in dire need of attention, you can stay ahead of the game. Combing and brushing your cat once a week helps reduce the incidence of external parasites and hairball vomiting. If you start this routine when your cat is still a kitten, it will adapt more readily. Try the following tips:

1. Use a fine-toothed comb on short-haired cats and a wide-toothed one on cats with long hair.
2. Stroke gently and evenly from

the head toward the tail. Continue along the chest, legs and underbelly.

3. Finish by brushing; always comb and brush in the direction the coat grows.

4. Gently work out snarls in a long-haired cat's coat with a wide-toothed comb; if that doesn't work, trim the snarl out with blunt scissors.

Even if you prefer to have your cat professionally groomed, the above tips will benefit your cat.



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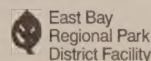
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communities information and a forum to discuss these impacts. For one community to deny another this opportunity is not only against the law, it's downright un-neighborly as well as un-regional.

Which brings us back to the mayor's essay in which he asserts that we should 'stand firm for regional planning.' Where was this sort of thinking a year ago when this same

mayor and city staff foisted a cardroom onto the rest of the East Bay, without care to the negative impacts other cities, namely old Ocean View, will experience? Right message, wrong messenger.

And back to Phyllis Lyon (whom, I dare admit, I really enjoy reading for her multi-layered sarcasm), who suggests we 'once again take up our symbolic shotguns, ring the borders and push back the

infidels.' I'm afraid it's too late for that, but I do look forward to changes down at City Hall.

David Arkin  
Albany

## Stop selling to minors

Editor:  
Teen smoking and drinking is on the rise in Albany! Studies show if they don't start smoking by 18, they won't.

Unfortunately, some of our local merchants sell cigarettes and alcohol to our kids; this is against the law!

Merchants: Don't be merchants of death! Parents: Report any merchants doing so to the police. You can also file a civil suit. Citizens: Don't patronize those stores!

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them of the fines and penalties involved. He will also deliver sings for posting, provided by the Albany Drug and Alcohol Prevention Council. Help save our kids!

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Albany

## Monitor behavior

Editor:  
In response to James Eames' letter of Oct. 26, I agree that

now more than ever it is necessary for parents to monitor their kids' behavior and question any new acquaintances. Someone has been "caught" in the clotheslines of the new complex on Solano between Madison and Jackson, within the last few days. A striped woman's short-sleeved top and a pair of pants-jeans. Because our kids are often used by school kids  
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clothing you've never seen. I, for one, work hard for my money and cannot afford to replace items lifted by light-fingered school kids in a moment of whimsy. Again, as stated by Mr. Eames, "kids and their parents need to hold themselves accountable for their own behavior."

Linda Formicelli  
Albany

## A limited tool

Editor:  
Redevelopment is a limited tool. There are things it can do and things it cannot. One cannot, for example, redevelop culture. One of El Cerrito Mayor Norman La Force's arguments for the large theater complex is that it could create a milieu in which upscale coffee shops, bakeries, and book stores would flourish.

The type of cultural milieu which supports these is a large university or at least a sizable liberal arts college very close by. Failing this, one would have to have either a large wealthy or an artistic community nearby. A movie theater complex of the type envisioned, run by the chosen lessee, would hardly create or even foster such a culture. To the contrary, it is very doubtful the type of movie interesting for such a culture

would ever be exhibited!

Another thing a small city the size of El Cerrito cannot redevelop is travel habits and safety associated with night travel. Locating a large theater complex near a BART station is not going to produce a large audience which uses public transportation.

BART itself is not that safe in the first place, but, more importantly, it is only convenient, and still not safe,

for someone who happens to live right next to a station — not very many people. BART is expensive and it does not deliver people door-to-door, and that is all that people care about at night. So forget the pipe dream; it is just not going to happen.

What redevelopment can and does do very well is perpetuate itself financially. This it does by retaining any property tax increment generated by a project

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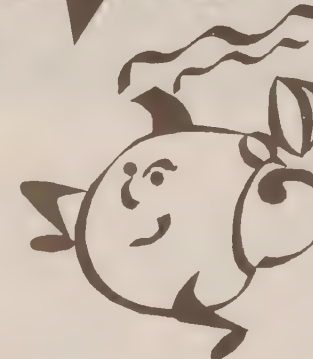
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for itself. This is important to realize and understand. When all is said and done, by far the main income generated by a redevelopment project is the increase in property tax.

Is this increase used for police and fire protection services, for libraries, for schools? No, it is not! It goes right back into redevelopment! It does not go into the general fund, where it could be used for essential services.

Is this a good way to run a small residential city? The Mayor and City Council of El Cerrito seem to think so.

Tom Smithberger  
El Cerrito

### Nothing relevant

Editor:

On Nov. 2, The Journal's "regular economy columnist," Zenophon A. Abraham, gave us his evaluation of the megatheater. But his story "Has

Redevelopment benefitted EC?" contained not a single relevant number, not even a rebuttal of my published estimate of the project's sales and property tax impacts.

All we got beside the "blah, blah, blah," was an accusation that I "growled at El Cerrito's Mayor La Force while falsely claiming that he was from New York."

Astonishing. Accusations are supposed to have a kernel of

truth, except, of course, Dan Freudenthal's which belong to a category all their own. (Hope to hear from you, Danny; hate being ignored.) Finally I remembered a possible source: Some months ago, at a Sustainable El Cerrito meeting on the megatheater, someone stated that "Many elderly New Yorkers are perfectly happy living right next to movie theaters."

At that point, I could not

help myself, and snorted aloud. Someone may have thought it was a growl. I didn't even mention NY! Actually, it was I who arrived in this country via New York, while Norman La Force arrived, presumably, via stork!

With this out of the way, it might still be interesting to hear Zenophon's economic opinions. If he is not ready to tackle facts about the megatheater, how about a

discussion concerning the other issue he mentions — the benefits and costs of the Target store?

Maybe he could join forces with another letter-writer, Bill Commerford. I could ask George Amberg to help me out. We could have a Council-sponsored debate on whether Target was a good decision, or not, for, say, 45 minutes before a City Council meeting. This may help the council and

El Cerrito residents what constitutes redevelopment.

Oh yes, if it still matters, talking to someone like Bill Commerford, El Cerrito "newsman" may be glad to know we bought our first U.S. block from the El Cerrito border, in 1962.

## Blotter

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from a coat at Chuck E. Cheese on the evening of Nov. 4.

• A Richmond man was arrested for driving under the influence at Lassen and Santa Clara at 1:50 a.m. Oct. 31. A second Richmond man was arrested at San Pablo and Waldo at 2:40 a.m. Nov. 4.

• A San Rafael woman and three other suspects were arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle; the arrest was made at San Pablo Avenue and Huntington at 2:10 a.m. Oct. 27.

• An arrest was made for possession of a loaded, concealed firearm at Carlson and Santa Clara at 2:40 a.m. Nov. 3.

• A Richmond female was arrested in the 1700 block of Eastshore for giving a false name and date of birth to the officer at 7:42 p.m. Oct. 31.

• A Vallejo man and an Oakland man were arrested for tampering under a vehicle hood in the 10700 block of San Pablo Avenue on the afternoon of Oct. 26.

• Shoplifters were arrested at the Emporium (two Albany females) and Target (a Vallejo male juvenile, a Richmond male juvenile, a Berkeley female juvenile, a Berkeley female juvenile, an Ohio juvenile female, and an Oakland female).

• Six incidents of domestic disturbance or violence were reported.



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East Bay Events

Mary's drama in new theater

Mary's College High School presents its fall production, *The Madwoman of Chastlot* tonight through Sunday at 8 p.m. The production is presented by the coed student body, and the first in the school's new theater. *The Madwoman of Chastlot* is a modern fable in which, according to author Jean Giraudoux, "the forces of good triumph over the forces of evil; in other words, it is a fantasy." Tickets may be ordered by phone at 526-9242, ex. 409 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Adults are \$8, students are \$5.

Rockwell returns to Berkeley

A retrospective show featuring the works of multimedia artist Mackenzie Rockwell opens today at The Gem Gallery, 2945 University Ave. An opening reception for this longtime Bay Area resident will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. The show includes her jewelry, watercolors and metal works. Show hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Rockwell will be on hand through Sunday to answer her work and answer questions.

Reception and lecture at Magnes Museum

An opening reception for "Beyond the Pale," an exhibit of lithographs by Louis Lozowick, will be held at 2 p.m. Nov. 19 at the Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley.

Virginia Marquardt, associate professor of art history at Marist College, will lecture at 3 p.m.

The 60 lithographs by the Russian-born, 20th-century artist reflect his fascination with the energy of America's burgeoning cities and his passion for social justice. His later work shows the influence of Jewish life, travel and nature.

He created lithographs for the Works Progress Administration and designed paintings for New York's main post office.

Concert showcases new harpsichord

Sunday, Nov. 19, UC Berkeley alumnus Davitt Maroney returns to Berkeley to dedicate the university's new harpsichord with a concert of Baroque keyboard music at Hertz Hall.

Monday, the Berkeley New Music Project, the graduate student music organization for UCB, will present its first concert of the season at 8 p.m.

The free concert will feature world premier pieces for chamber orchestra by Eliane Aberdame and Butch Rovin, and premiers for other works by Jude Navari, Eitan Steinberg and Reynold Tharp. For more information call 848-6545.

Magical concert benefits school

A benefit concert for the French American School in Berkeley, "The Magical Child," will feature singer/guitarist Hélène Jacquot and Jack Gates and friends. Well-known songs in French and English are on the program. Tickets are \$5 at the door for adults, \$3.50 for children. For more information call 235-2502.

Words for WORD benefit

Writer and activist June Jordan will preside over a tribute to Janice Radway, a San Francisco poet, choreographer and activist. The event is a fundraiser for The WORD, a literary arts collaboration at UC Berkeley.

Radway, author of 16 books, is the most published African American woman of her generation. She teaches at UC Berkeley, and students in her People's class lead workshops for students at BHS. A special event will be held Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. at La Peña, 3105 University Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$7 to \$20.

Artist of the world

Orlando Peixoto, a Brazilian guitarist and composer, will be featured by Peter Johnson on bass and percussion in a chamber ensemble approach to Brazilian jazz. The concert is on Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Berkeley Recital Center. Tickets are \$20. Peixoto is a graduate of the Berklee College of Music and was grounded in Brazilian music by his father, the late Bay Area guitarist and composer Egberto Tavares. Villa-Lobos, a Brazilian composer, died in 1959. Peixoto is at 1537 University Ave., Berkeley. Call 848-3228 for reservations.

More East Bay events next page

Dias de los Muertos

The Oakland Museum of California joins in an observance of the Mexican and Chicano custom Los Dias de los Muertos, the Days of the Dead, a special exhibition through Nov. 26 featuring 14 altars by artists and community groups. The museum is at Oak and 10th streets in downtown Oakland. Admission is \$5 general, \$3 for seniors and students. Call 238-3401 for info. Right, Danza Cuauhtonal celebrated the Day of the Dead at James Kenney Park in Berkeley. (Chester King Vega photo)



Black Rep stages ironic comedy

By Wanda Sabir

Before affirmative action, the Equal Rights Amendment, and the Voting Rights Act, there was a quaint town below the Mason-Dixon line. This town didn't appreciate its darker citizens. So one Tuesday, they all disappeared. This is the story behind Douglas Turner Ward's classic dramatic comedy *Day of Absence*, winner of the coveted Vernon Rice and Obie Awards.

Full of politically incorrect language like "nigras," "Aunt Jemima," "mammy," and "jigaboo," the play, described by the playwright as a "reverse

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Novel works for sci-fi browsers, fans

Local author's take on a road rarely taken

By Eric Turowski

A person can read a lot of science fiction without being a fan. An easy way to separate the fan from the occasional science fiction reader hinges on a simple question: "Can you recommend any really good science fiction books for a casual reader?" Those responding with a resounding "Yes!" are fans.

A non-fan will often answer "No," for at least one of three reasons. First is that the genre spans some 50 years, and in five decades the ideas that inspired

those early books seem old-fashioned today, especially when their visions of the future include the present, and those visions are totally wrong.

To put it simply, it is difficult to suspend belief when reading about vast bases on the moon that were built in 1979 when there aren't any.

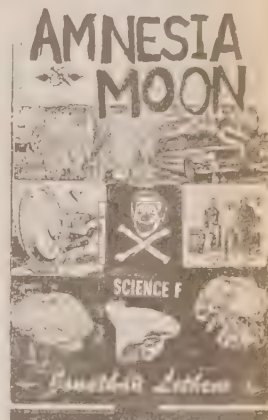
Second, many books in the genre are seemingly endless sagas, taking up three, four, or five volumes to complete a story. There are not many people (outside of diehard aficionados) willing to invest time in a 15,000-page science fiction story.

The third reason is that the "classics" of science fiction "literature" are pretty much decided by people who are already enthusiasts. Fans run the conventions that give out awards, and run

many of the magazines that review science fiction that proclaim such books masterpieces. However, for the occasional indulgent reader of science fiction, the sole fact that a book is science fiction may not satisfy the craving for a good book. Of course, there are exceptions.

Jonathan Lethem's latest book, *Amnesia Moon*, is a good book. The cover blurbs describe this novel as "The Wizard of Oz rewritten as road noir." But an intimate familiarity with Frank Baum and Jack Kerouac is not a requirement in this case. Ignore the blurbs, and get to the meat of the novel.

Chaos is the main character, and he first appears in his digs — a projection room in an abandoned movie theater in Hatford, Wyo. Hatford is the destination for all



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Legion of Honor reopens with Picasso

By David H. Wright

At last we can again enjoy our Old Master paintings, sculpture, and prints.

For three full years the Legion of Honor in San Francisco has been closed for seismic retrofitting but now we have it back, and it is looking better than ever. The galleries are arranged generally as before, but both the ancient material and the British paintings have been moved over from the de Young Museum to make the Legion into a comprehensive survey of European art.

The lighting is greatly improved and there are a number of fine new acquisitions. Also, in the special exhibition galleries, there is a comprehensive selection of prints, drawings, and early photographs from the Achenbach Foundation, a magnificent resource too little seen or appreciated.

Even better, to celebrate the reopening, there is an excellent exhibition of Picasso's sculpture in the new gallery under the new pyramid in the courtyard. There are only fifteen pieces, but they are a very distinguished selection and they exemplify every phase of his work in the medium.

At the beginning there is the bronze head of his mistress Fernande (1906), which corresponds exactly to his paintings of the Rose Period. As a portrait it is idealized and a bit sentimental, for the strongly modeled side of the face fades into vague surfaces — the sculptural equivalent of those paintings.

Next is the 1909 head of



Picasso, 'The Orator,' 1933-34 (original plaster and mixed media)

Fernande, an early cubist exercise in which the head is broken up into facets much like the paintings of that year. Then in 1914 he made the "Glass of Absinthe," where he began to think more as a sculptor, though he painted the bronze and made it a sort of collage, as he was then using collage in his paintings. He attached an actual silver strainer of the type used to dissolve a sugar cube (here in bronze) in the drink. But this design is far more three-dimen-

sional than before, and the finished work can be read as a hallucinatory face rather than an inert glass.

Picasso concentrated on painting in the next years and returned to sculpture only at the end of the 1920s, when his friend Julio Gonzalez taught him welding. Here we have an excellent example of his highly abstract work in iron, "Figure of a Woman" from 1930. We also have three examples of his strongly modeled work in bronze in 1931, including one of the best of his heads of his new mistress, Marie-Thérèse.

Next in sequence comes the splendid new acquisition of the Museum, the lifesize "Orator" of 1933-34; this plaster and mixed media original is far more revealing than the bronze casts made on

his instructions, which otherwise dominate the show. Here we can see directly his sense of materials and his working procedures. They were intuitive and improvisational. We can imagine him tinkering with the metal frame and slapping on the plaster. We know he deliberately kept this piece in his home until his death. We can never know exactly the range of meanings he intended for it, but we can appreciate both its powerful presence and its humorous aspects — truly a work of genius.

From the next major phase of his work in sculpture, during and just after the war, we have his "Baboon and Young" of 1951, perhaps the most gently humorous of all his sculptures. It is an

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Chorale opens 30th season

Soprano Virginia Sublett is one of the stellar soloists with the Contra Costa Chorale in performances of Mozart's *Grand Mass in C Minor* and Poulenc's *Gloria*. The 80-voice choral ensemble, under the baton of Richard Kramer, is celebrating its 30th anniversary this season. Performances are Saturday, Nov. 18, 8 p.m. in Kensington at the First Unitarian Church, 1 Lawson Rd. For ticket information call 527-2026.



Virginia Sublett





### Top punk band has roots in Albany

Two local musicians have put Albany on the map and this Saturday when they appear on Saturday Night Live on Nov. 18. Hard work, dedication and perseverance have really paid off for Tim Armstrong and Matt Freeman, turning them into superstars with their punk rock band, Rancid.

Armstrong, son of Donald and Jacqueline Armstrong of Pierce Street, is the lead singer, songwriter and guitar player for the band. Freeman, grandson of Mrs. Bobbie Freeman and son of Roger Freeman of San Gabriel Street, is the bass player and backup singer/songwriter. Along with Lars Fredricksen of Campbell and Brett Reed of Berkeley, they have been headlining sold-out performances across the U.S.

Tim and Matt have played music together since their early teens, when they played in the jazz band (Matt) and wrestled (Tim). Now they are mentioned in *Time*, *Rolling Stone*, *Spin* and U.S.A. Today and music reviews written recently throughout the U.S. and Europe.

### Kushner play opens at UC

—Charlotte Lyon

A *Bright Room Called Day*, by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Tony Kushner, opens tonight at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Playhouse. First performed in 1985, the play depicts a group of artists and political activists struggling to preserve themselves in Berlin during the 1930s in the face of fascism.

Performances are tonight through Saturday and Nov. 30 through Dec. 2 at 8 p.m., with matinees this Sunday and Dec. 3, at 2 p.m. Following this Sunday's performance, director and UCB graduate student Claudio Medeiros will take part in an open discussion to the play.

For tickets and reservations call 642-9988.

### Adults welcome, too

Bay Area singer and pianist Juanita Newland-Ulloa celebrates the release of her new children's music recording "Canta Conmigo" in a family concert Friday at 7:30 p.m. at La Peña Cultural Center.

The celebration will include trumpets, viola, guitar, kena, charango, congas, zapoñas and many children's voices. Adults are welcome to accompany their children to the bilingual, sing-along concert.

Newland-Ulloa, a graduate of Yale, UC Berkeley and Nice Conservatory, has trained classically since she was 4. She is known for her stylistic diversity and rendering of show tunes and romantic ballads in many languages and styles.

Adult tickets are \$10; children are \$5. La Peña is at 3105 Shattuck Ave.

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assemblage based on a big ceramic vase for the body, a steel spring for the tail, and two toy cars for the head. It has an uncanny effect and a delightful double reference to baboon and human motherhood and childhood. It never fails to evoke a warm smile in the beholder.

The opposite expression, the result of Picasso's meditations on death and suffering during the war, is present in his "Goat's Skull and Bottle" of the next year or so, on loan from the New York Museum of Modern Art where it is normally a key work in their permanent display. The constructed bottle has a candle with nails for rays of light and the grim skull has bicycle handles for horns. Picasso painted it in shades of gray and black to remind us that this is a *memento mori*, a reminder of death.

To contrast with this, only a couple of years later, is the cheerful "Sylvette," a painting on a piece of sheet metal cut and folded

by his assistants to match his cardboard model. Picasso's work in sculpture had begun tentatively as he sought to produce effects in three dimensions comparable to what he was doing with paint on canvas. By 1930 the welded iron constructions and the strongly modeled bronzes reveal his confident originality working purely as a sculptor. Now in the 1950s he can use sculpture as a substitute for canvas, exploring the duality of two and three dimensions with marvelous originality. Ideas like this are still resonating in contemporary art.

An exhibition like this, comfortably small in extent, can be nevertheless endlessly stimulating. It comes also with a fine small catalogue by curator Steven Nash. Blockbusters sometimes serve their purpose, but this show has plenty to chew on and is much easier to digest.

David H. Wright has been teaching the history of art at UC Berkeley since 1963.

# Christmas story: A family, its fowl

By Renata Polt

You may never want to eat another turkey after seeing *Home for the Holidays*, a film whose climax involves a quarter of a bird plus a helping of gravy landing all over someone's favorite dress.

That episode, in which the Thanksgiving dinner turkey gets ripped and hacked apart while its intended consumers scream, squabble, and snipe, all in overlapping Robert Altman-style dialogue, epitomizes the movie's frenetic pace, which reaches its height in mid-movie. The opening and closing scenes are calmer and more thoughtful.

Jodie Foster, in her third directing effort (*Little Man Tate* and *Nell* were numbers one and two), has embraced comedy with a vengeance, but hasn't quite succeeded in blending gentleness and slapstick, a difficult feat for even the most experienced.

The film's heroine is Claudia Larson, played in full squeaky-voiced quirkiness by Holly Hunter. Just before single mom Claudia leaves Chi-

cago to make her annual Thanksgiving visit to her parents in Baltimore, she's a) fired from her beloved job as a museum art restorer and b) informed by her teenage daughter Kitt (Claire Danes) that she, Kitt, who's staying in Chicago, plans to lose her virginity that weekend. Some sendoff!

Claudia's trip to Baltimore and her arrival there are among the film's funniest scenes, done with the economy and subtlety missing from the film's central episodes.

At the airport, Claudia walks by a line of people at the pay phones, each evidently negotiating a trip like hers, grown children going home to mom and dad. And as her parents are driving her home from the airport, she makes eye contact with a young man also being driven away by his folks; the looks on both their faces brought the house down.

"Home" is a working-class suburban house inhabited by Claudia's parents, played by Anne Bancroft and Charles Durning. The family also includes the gay younger brother, Tommy (Robert Downey, Jr.), the



Adele (Anne Bancroft) and Henry (Charles Durning)

sister (Cynthia Stevenson), her uptight banker husband (Steve Guttenberg) and their two kids, and Aunt Gladys (the skeletal Geraldine Chaplin), who owns 210 plants and wears a tam-o-shanter and a necklace made of Froot Loops.

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Paul Budnitz, the Berke-  
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feature which opened  
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his generation, but he does  
his stereotype. A cynical,  
educated, articulate techie,  
has parlayed his computer  
into "93 Million Miles."

The entire 100-minute feature was edited in Budnitz's Parker Street living room using Adobe Premier software, which cuts and pastes electronically and may some day replace the traditional editing technology.

It is far cheaper than the newest computerized editing machine, which can cost hundreds of dollars a day to rent. Since independent filmmakers are typically high on ideas and low on cash, computer editing is a revolutionary alternative.

"The creative freedom you get from a computer is incredible," Budnitz says. "You can layer sounds and edit a lot faster." Budnitz' achievement is a film that emanates and ethereal airiness without a trace of technical bête.

The film traces four abandoned twentysomethings through San Francisco's Mission District during a night of sleeplessness and

wrenching frustration. The characters ooze angst.

According to Budnitz, the character Page most aptly symbolizes the incisive themes of the film. A nonspeaking wanderer, Page slumps in cafes, gulping coffee and popping No Doz. "For Page, sleep is a lot more beautiful than life," Budnitz says. "But he's struggling to stay awake, deal with things and not give in."

The characters' dislocation is punctuated by a few well-crafted monologues and some gratuitous art house anti-drama. Budnitz says the film's dismal themes reflect the isolation involved in his own artistic process.

"Writing a screenplay by yourself, for hours at a time, doesn't help your dark side," he says.

The film, which debuted recently at the Castro Theater, has been accepted into the Berlin Film Festival's foreign section. "The

Germans and Austrians went nuts over the movie," Budnitz says. "All the bleakness and pain. They ate it up."

Budnitz, who graduated from Berkeley High School in 1985 and went on to study art at Yale, decided to make "93 Million Miles" instead of attending film school at New York University.

"I took the money I saved for school and put it towards this," Budnitz says.

With his savings, a few investors and some uncredited benevolence from institutions as disparate as the San Francisco Police Department and NASA, Budnitz was able to make the film for about \$30,000.

But it wasn't easy.

Partly because, Budnitz says, he's completely neurotic. "It's hard for me to give up control," he says.

"Sometimes I had to stay away from everyone because I was so nervous, I couldn't hold a conversation."



Paul Budnitz, making his movie, '93 Million Miles From the Sun'

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meat, sets off with one of  
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sion of this apocalypse.  
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with it.

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a metaphor). And even when belief  
is expanded to the limit, the  
imagination has already  
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# A place in time

By Gretchen Klug

When I was growing up on our tourist ranch in Ramona, near San Diego, folks drove up on Sundays to spend the day. Often they arrived close to noon, without any plans for eating. We served Sunday dinner, but guests were supposed to make a reservation. Almost no one did. At 10 a.m., there might not be a single guest, and by noon, there could be as many as fifteen people milling around, impatiently waiting for their Sunday dinner. My sister and I learned at an early age to whip up a full course dinner for 15 in less than an hour.

On one particular Thanksgiving Sunday, at about 11 a.m., cars were arriving as usual. We kept counting people who said they wanted to dine with us. By the time the last guest arrived, we had twenty who expected to eat Thanksgiving dinner.

I got out our two tablecloths and picked what flowers were still blooming—geraniums, calendulas and cosmos, my mother's favorite flowers from her remembrance of her Nebraska childhood. Most of our plants were eaten by deer or gophers. If you sat and watched a flower, you could see it slowly disappear downward, from a gopher chewing from below the ground. One of my sister's and my favorite sports was to dig from one end of a gopher hole while the dog dug from the other. We met in the middle

# Thanksgiving

where we encountered the gopher himself, trying to outdig us.

I hitched several card tables to the end of the dining room table to form one long one, and spread the tablecloths over them.

The flowers gave the table a festive look.

We prepared the dessert on Saturday. My sister's specialty was apple crisp; my mom liked to make grape sherbet, apple sauce, or whipped fruit jello along with Boston brown bread. I was the cake baker.

We always served whipped mashed potatoes with gravy, made from the drippings of the roast, ham, or turkey. Our salad was lettuce and tomato, cole slaw, or grated carrot with apples and raisins. There would be a canned vegetable and lots of fresh bread and home-colored margarine. Many of guests swore that our margarine was real butter. They could always tell, they said, because of the pale yellow color. We never corrected them. It was my job to color a pound of pure white margarine with a small envelope of yellow vegetable dye enclosed in the package.

I had made a chocolate cake the night before, luckily a double decker. I couldn't find the vanilla, then remembered that I had seen a vanilla bottle in the medicine cabinet with the

label torn off. I poured a teaspoonful from it into the batter.

"Hank!" I yelled. "Look at the vanilla. It's bright yellow."

Hank, one of the permanent guests who later became my mother's boyfriend, came over to look. "Where did you get it?" he demanded.

"Out of the medicine cabinet."

"My God," he said. "That's picric acid for burns that I put in an old vanilla bottle. What made you go into the medicine cabinet?"

"There's no label," I retorted. "How would I know?"

"You're going to have to throw it out," Hank insisted. "Do you want to poison people?"

I looked at the bowl. I didn't have any more ingredients. When Hank walked away, I scooped out the yellow liquid. Nobody would know. The cake, my first double decker, was beautiful. The icing was my favorite, penuche fudge icing made with brown sugar, butter, and powdered sugar caramelized to a rich, golden brown.

With my sister, myself, and Mom hurriedly working, we laid Thanksgiving dinner on the table by 1:00 P.M. The roasted brown turkey, which we had

raised, was the centerpiece of the feast. Hank agreed to carve. I thought we should pray or do something special since it was a holiday. I liked ceremonies and theatrical productions.

"Why don't we go around the table and say what each of is thankful for?" I suggested. But before I had finished speaking, everyone was hungrily dishing out the food. As soon as everybody was served, the legs of two of the card tables collapsed. The vases of flowers overturned and water poured into the mashed potatoes. A new couple jumped up. They had been complaining since they had arrived, saying they expected something more professional. They found lumps in the mashed potatoes and, when they had gone swimming, saw algae floating on top of the water. I hadn't had time to get out the strainer to sift it off. Since there was a serious water shortage, we were only able to drain the pool twice during the year.

"This is the last time we'll come here," they announced, rushing out the door. They would buy lunch in Ramona. I knew none of the restaurants was open on Sunday. We were glad to see them go.

After we removed the wet tablecloths and emptied the flower water from the mashed potatoes, we resumed eating. We were all glad for the food and company. The only other

mishap during the meal occurred at dessert. Hank couldn't cut through the cake with the knife; I had left the removable bottom of the cake pan between the layers. Everybody laughed.

To this day, my sister and I are more adept at cooking for large groups than for only a few, and can still get a huge meal cooked in less time than most people can cook for one. It's all in the organization and, at the end of the meal, there are no dirty pans in the sink. We wash the pots as we cook.

That Thanksgiving I had much to be thankful for—not the least being that no one had died from picric acid poisoning. My family and I were, and still are, able to provide an environment that allows people to come together in community and harmony.

My sister's large family of six children, their spouses and kids, her foreign students, and my four roomers and friends all sit down at table on this day. And I am still unable to get anyone to pray or list their blessings, but just being together is enough.

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## Bold Albany bops BOD

By Gray Cathrall

At the end of last Thursday's league volleyball championships, Albany's Lady Cougars finally could say, "mission accomplished".

In a classic rematch of last year's ACCAL finals, it was the two heavyweights slugging it out, undefeated Albany and No. 2, Bishop O'Dowd. Just like last year, it was Albany beating O'Dowd in five exciting, high-energy games for the league championship. Only the scores (13-15, 15-8, 15-10, 9-15, 15-12) and the location were different.

"This was one of our goals from the very beginning," said Cougars coach Konrad Ott.

Albany quickly dispelled any concern about a home court advantage O'Dowd may have had, taking a 2-1 game advantage. But the Dragons rallied for a 15-9 win, setting up the deciding fifth game.

"I wasn't really worried," claimed Albany coach Konrad Ott. "I've said all year, these girls thrive on pressure. They've actually taught me to have confidence in them in



Albany bench erupts as the Cougars beat O'Dowd Thursday for ACCAL title.

Jeff Lindquist—STAFF

these situations."

Nattily attired in white shirt and tie, Ott appeared animated as always, but surprisingly relaxed given the tension of the match.

His demeanor must have had a calming influence on his players, as

the serving of Karen Sillers and Megan Meyer opened the Cougars to a 3-0 lead. O'Dowd whittled back, taking a 5-3 lead, then taking advantage of some lapses by Albany for a 9-4 lead.

Lindsay Kagawa began a slow

Albany turnaround with a brilliant diving save which Sara Ness tipped over the net for a sidout. After three possessions by each team, Kagawa and Meyer blocked O'Dowd's hit for their first point in

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## Cougars win 1st easily

By Mary Flaherty

The Albany Lady Cougars won a low-key victory in the first round of the North Coast Section volleyball championship that they hosted Tuesday night.

The Cougars made an easy, but unspectacular sweep against Marin Catholic, winning the first three games in a quick one hour and 15 minutes.

Albany is one of the top teams in the NCS. But the Cougars didn't control the game against No. 3 Marin as thoroughly as they expected and they won by small spreads — 15-10, 15-12, 15-9.

"Our offense, our passing, wasn't clicking," said co-captain Lindsay Kagawa, a junior, "but we got the job done."

Albany coach Konrad Ott

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# Jackets ousted from playoffs on technicality

By Gray Cathrall

Berkeley High's volleyball team, ranked among the top-10 in Northern California, was abruptly denied entry in the North Coast Section postseason playoffs.

At a coaches' Sunday morning meeting conducted at the NCS office at Dublin High, the Jayhawks' assistant coach, Bernice Dere, was told by NC commissioner Paul Gaddini that Berkeley could not participate in the playoffs, because one document was missing.

"It was my first time at a North Coast meeting," Dere said. "When it was discovered we were missing the form signed by our principal that authorized us to apply for one of the playoff spots, I called Brian Thomasson, the head coach, and asked him to fax it to the meeting."

Thomasson, who works on Sunday mornings, and could not attend the meeting, inadvertently had that

one item in his possession. But before he could send it to the NCS office, he was told on the phone by Gaddini, that it was too late, that the meeting had already begun, and

has been for about 12 years. I told Berkeley's assistant coach that the Application to Participate had to be here by 9 a.m. It is important for there to be uniform application of

it could have been faxed. The coaches were just starting their two-minute presentations at about 9:30."

Berkeley High principal Larry Lee confirmed that he had signed the requisite form that authorized the Lady Jayhawks to participate in NC competition and said he shared the concern and disappointment of the players and coaches.

"It was not a deliberate attempt to not have the form," he said. "A lot of the players on the team are former math students of mine. I know how they're feeling. Brian is distraught. It was very difficult when he told the girls on Monday that they wouldn't be going to North Coast. The commissioner may have been trying to get hold of me, but I doubt it."

Berkeley athletic director Lloyd Higgins called Gaddini on Monday morning to lobby for his volleyball team, but had no success. Lee acknowledged that there had been no communication between the NCS

office and his.

One of the volleyball coaches at the meeting, Lou Panzolk of Antioch, a two-year member of the NC seeding committee for baseball and softball, noted that before teams are seeded (ranked) for the playoffs, the application to participate document must be presented.

"We knew there was a problem, and we assumed when Berkeley's assistant coach left the room she was trying to get the missing paper. When we were told Berkeley didn't qualify, all of us felt badly for the girls. They deserved to be in the playoffs. The kids pay the price. It doesn't seem fair."

For her part, Dere's nightmare doesn't end.

"I even bought North Coast volleyball playoff T-shirts and sweatshirts for the girls," she said, catching her breath while fighting back tears. "They're in the trunk of my car and I can't bear to look at them now."

## 'Who is there to correct the adults?'

Dear Editor:

I have a very sad sport's story, and I hope you will help me and my team. I am a varsity volleyball player on the Berkeley High School women's team. Last night my coach sent the assistant coach of our team to register us for the North Coast Championships. Although we didn't win our division we did qualify for a wild card. Over the last two years Berkeley has lost its entire start-

ing lineup, one that won the BVAL league championships twice.

This has only acted as motivation for us to prove to everyone that we are still a winning team. But last night the assistant coach was missing a document. It was still in the coach's briefcase. She called him and asked that he fax it to her at the meeting. Unfortunately the commissioner decided that it was too late — 10 minutes

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rules are rules.

"In the case of the other schools, they all complied," said Gaddini Wednesday. It's a requirement and

the law."

Dere responded, "It wasn't like our principal hadn't signed the form. In the time we spent talking about it,

## Milo disturbed by selection process

By John Gardella

The North Coast Section playoffs begin Friday, but the El Cerrito football team will not be one of the eight teams playing in the 2-A bracket.

With their win over Albany last Thursday, the Gauchos finished the year with a 8-1-1 mark, good for second place in the Alameda-Contra Costa League Rock Division. EC actually had a better overall record than division champion St. Mary's (8-2).

Although the two teams finished with identical 5-1 league records, St. Mary's won the division, gain-

ing an automatic berth in the playoffs, by virtue of its 14-8 win over EC.

Six of the eight berths automatically go to league champions. Other teams apply for the final two spots, with league coaches voting for at-large berths.

The selections were made Sunday morning. Bishop O'Dowd, runner-up in the ACCAL Stone Division, and EC vied for one of the at-large bids. The other berth went to Granada of the East Bay Athletic League.

ACCAL coaches voted 5-2 in

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El Cerrito coach Frank Milo: 'I thought it was unprofessional and unethical.'

## Berkeley in playoffs — It's Washington again

By Scott Kaplan

Irony. While many put little significance in Berkeley's season finale at Washington High (Fremont), the contest now appears to be huge as it served as a preview of tomorrow night's North Coast Section 3A playoff contest pitting those same Jackets and Huskies (both 7-3).

The Jackets won last Friday's affair, 19-14, but Berkeley was hardly gleeful after the game as the Jackets felt snakebitten by the officiating.

Berkeley was penalized for a total of 70 yards and had two touch-

downs called back on a suspicious roughing-the-passer and a holding penalty. The general consensus from the Jackets coaching staff was that Berkeley would have creamed Washington had the refs not "kept" the Huskies in the contest.

After talking with other coaches at last Sunday's NCS meeting, Jackets coach Mike Tuasosopo was informed that questionable officiating in the Mission Valley Athletic League (to which Washington is a member) isn't unheard of when a non-league foe comes to town.

"I've been around this game a

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## Clemons: Big man, Big Game

By Sam Williams

In 1991 when Duane Clemons was leading Riverside's John W. North High, the best term college recruiters could think of to describe the skinny 215-pound linebacker was "sleeper."

Well, four years later many Pac-10 offenses are wishing Clemons, now a 255-pound defensive end for the Cal Bears, would have stayed in hibernation.

"He just jumps off the film at you," marvels UCLA coach Terry Donahue, summing up the sentiments of many Pac-10 coaches this season. "The first thing I want to know is how the hell did he get away? Why can't we get that kind of recruiting?"

Donahue and other coaches can

be excused for their oversight. After all, Clemons didn't even take the field last year, a redshirt season which he devoted largely to improving his academic skills. Coming into the 1995 season, the junior barely merited a warm glow from the spotlights focusing on fellow junior Regan Upshaw (defensive end) and sophomore Brandon Whitling (defensive tackle).

All that changed, however, with the Bears Sept. 9 loss to Fresno State. Cal coaches, in their desperate search for more large bodies to put on the defensive line, turned Clemons into a hybrid outside linebacker/defensive end with duties ranging from pass rush to pass coverage. Since the move, Clemons has stolen the limelight from his Cal teammates, producing an eye-

popping 25 tackles behind the line of scrimmage — best in the Pac-10.

While Clemons' rapid emergence from redshirt to All-American candidate has been one of the few bright spots in an overly dark Cal football season, it has also generated some worries among the Cal faithful.

Both fans and local sports reporters alike are openly speculating whether the Big Game this Saturday will be the last for both Clemons and Upshaw, who is currently tied with Clemons for second among Pac-10 sack leaders with 9.5, will forego their senior seasons for the NFL.

So far, Clemons has refused to add to the speculation. Still, he acknowledges that the departure of

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UCLA's Terry Donahue on Cal's Duane Clemons: 'How the hell did he get away?'



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## U12 Boys

**Thundervikings 1**  
**El Cerrito Firestorm 1**  
 For the Thundervikings, Noah Flessel scored the goal on a cross from right winger Tyler Block. Shaun Burl sparked his team with excellent all-round play. Sweeper Dom Fuller was outstanding on defense, while goalies Tyler Block and Bobby Gordon each made several super saves to preserve the tie.

For the Firestorm, Daniel Czernilosky had the goal on a pass from Michael Gonzalez. Center full-back Greg Murray was outstanding on defense.

## Magic 4

**Hornets 0**  
 Following a close first half, the Magic pulled away in the second half on a hat trick by Gari Hecht, which included a 30-yard blast, and a solo goal by David Kessler follow-

ing a long individual run. Magic captain Chris Bechtel was outstanding on defense.

For the Hornets, Ryan Nelson played an excellent game at midfield.

## Dire Wolves 3

**Swordfish 0**  
 Scoring for the Dire Wolves were Sam Marthinson (2 goals) and Adam Alcades, who also both had assists. Reese Bullen and Michael Estis were outstanding in the goal.

## Magic 0

**Dire Wolves 0**  
 In an exciting defensive struggle, both teams made numerous strong runs but neither was able to put the ball in the net. The outstanding Magic defenders were Mark Samansky, Ansel Schmidt and Chris Bechtel. For the Dire Wolves, defensive standouts were Han Barrett-Liu, Reese Bullen and Michael Estis.

# It's Panthers' D vs. Granada's

By John Gardella

When his Panthers go up against Granada Saturday in the first round of the North Coast Section 2-A playoffs, St. Mary's High football coach Dan Shaughnessy says neither team will be at an advantage because the two squads are unfamiliar with each other's strengths and weaknesses.

"It's a wash," the long-time Panthers coach said Sunday after the playoff matchups were announced. "We don't know too much about them and they don't know too much about us. We'll exchange tapes and see what we can learn."

Although seeded lower, the Panthers will host the game at El Cerrito High (7 p.m.) because St. Mary's is the Alameda-Contra Costa League Rock Division champ. Granada,

seeded fourth, finished second in the East Bay Athletic League. St. Mary's enters the playoffs as the five seed.

The Panthers (8-2) went into their final regular-season game vs. College Park hoping for a high seeding in the playoffs. A win would have guaranteed a higher seeding. But a lackadaisical first half prevented them from notching their ninth win of the year.

"We stunk in the first half," Shaughnessy said. "Then we got it together in the second but it was too little, too late." St. Mary's vaunted defense, which for most of this season has been able to tighten up when teams have moved the ball deep inside Panthers territory, failed twice in the first half.

Each time, College Park quarterback Steve Christie ran for the score.

The first touchdown was on an 8-yard scamper, and the second score was from three yards out.

Second half scores by Panthers running back Norman Hayes and wide receiver Ben Gerbacio were not enough; the Panthers lost, 17-14.

Saturday's game will pit teams with contrasting styles. The Panthers are a ball-control, defensive-minded team, while Granada boasts one of the most explosive offenses in the East Bay.

The Livermore school is led by senior QB Chad Thomas, who has thrown for 2,174 yards 22 TDs, and wide receiver Brian Bleknep, who averages 19.4 yards. Statistically, Thomas is the top-ranked QB in the East Bay. The Matadors average 372 yards.

The Panthers have fared well

against high-powered offenses. They clinched their section title by beating De Anza, 20-0. The four shutouts, a total when they lost, have helped the Panthers' points per game.

The players' linebacker Roy Nick Book, have a excellent job of pressuring the quarterback. After by Courtney H. Frapp, has done some covering opposing

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favor of O'Dowd, with St. Mary's and Alameda voting for the Gauchos.

As expected, coach Frank Milo was disappointed not to get the bid, but he was more disturbed by the fact that O'Dowd coach Paul Perenon phoned the league coaches ahead of time to plead his team's case, instead

of waiting until Saturday's league meeting in which each team was allotted three minutes to make its case.

"I was really disturbed by it," Milo said. "I thought it was unprofessional and unethical. Both teams were deserving of it (an at-large bid) and it should have been decided at the meeting."

Based on the criteria used to deter-

mine the at-large teams, the Dragons do appear to have an edge over El Cerrito.

At 9-1, the Dragons had the best record among the applicants. They also defeated St. Mary's, handing the Panthers their only league loss. Even Panthers coach Dan Shaughnessy felt the Gauchos were more deserving of the bid than was O'Dowd.

"El Cerrito played three 3-A teams, beat two and tied one," Shaughnessy said. "Based on their strength of schedule and how well they did, I thought the Gauchos deserved the at-large bid."

While disappointed at not making the playoffs, Milo and his charges cannot be upset with the type of year they enjoyed. They erased all memories of last year's 4-6 season, by dominating both sides of the ball, despite beginning the year by losing eight linemen to transfer and eligibility.

"I think we had an outstanding year," Milo said. "We had to adjust up front, but we continued improving

from day one. The people would do a line had to come to it did."

This is the third time that the Gauchos have won the state championship after coming out of the Athletic League tie for second place in the state.

EC ended its note last Thursday over the Cougars.

Edward Dymally half touchdowns yards on just eight Lacy kicked off an 8-yard TD runner to tie the game.

Several Gauchos milestones. Quarterback Phillips threw for over the 1,000-yard ACCAL with a 50.0 percent completion rate, and also in TDs with 15, 1,000 yards.

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## Berkeley

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It is a point that back up Friday at nearby El Cerrito High p.m. The game was Berkeley since its lights.

Given that Bentley, feeling all shouldn't have been was, plus the fact that methodical options into the hands of the run-defense, proper have to label the

Last week, a paltry 148 yards of them coming out of Huskies longest yards. In fact, they plays that went to Washington.

The night was quiet (37 yards, 1 TD) deviate from their less forced to through the air for of his passes came first half and on possession.

"I like it when dimensional off Tuasosopo. "We simple game plan defense a bit (not ready."

Berkeley's run shadowed by youngsters are one of the hold both De LaSalle and Monte Vista under 100 yards.

The Jackets' initial all-league runner Ragon, Marco Rashidi, Barnes.

Conversely, although immediate often go ballistic points a game.

Tailback Devlin 181 yards over at Berkeley. Former starter to serve as Martinez.

The Jackets' about the NCS Berkeley would another crack at LaSalle (49-0) spartans looked team can, as the lowest output, win over Bear, De LaSalle Friday against Berry-Santa Rosa



## Cougars

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was." But Ott was still thrilled with the victory. A Marin resident, he said he has coached many of the players from the Kentfield school and Tuesday he had a chance to show them what his Albany team can do.

"We proved tonight there's a big difference between Marin County volleyball and East Bay volleyball," he said.

Albany fell behind in the first game but pulled ahead on a double block by Kagawa and co-captain

Megan Meyer. With the score, 11-10, Kagawa served four winning points, and Albany captured the game.

In the second game the Cougars had an 11-7 lead when Marin caught up to tie it. But Albany pulled ahead when Sara Ness made the final serve that Marin barely returned. As the ball skimmed the top of the net, Kagawa banged it back, scoring the winning point.

Albany's most dramatic play came in the third game after a long and arduous volley when Kagawa dived to save the ball.

## Cohn

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Compared to the plane ride and the blackout, the game was a piece of cake, although the wind was so gusty some of Hostetler's passes sailed into the stratosphere, while others dived into the turf. Al Davis was sitting in the pressbox watching the action. Davis a nervous guy. He was biting his fingernails, and when the Raiders screwed up, he'd pound on the table like Henry the Eighth demanding more ale and chicken drumsticks.

Afterwards, Davis came to the locker room and prowled among the players. The Giants' next-to-last possession had made him anxious. The Raiders were almost called for pass interference which would have given the Giants possession near Oakland's goal line, but the interference call was rescinded. "I thought I'd have a heart attack," Al told Pat Swilling.

Then Al made his way over to Harvey Williams who was being interviewed by the media about next Sunday's Oakland-Dallas game. "Will that game be a preview of the Super Bowl?" someone asked Williams. "The Niners are beating the Cowboys right now," Al snarled. "Don't worry about the Cowboys. F—!"

You could understand Al's bad mood. His team easily could have lost to the Giants, especially after Hostetler threw a wretched pass to Tim Brown at the start of the fourth quarter, which Phillippi Sparks intercepted. It was enough to ruin a visiting team on a cold windy day. But the Raiders defense held the Giants, the Raiders got the ball back and scored the game-winning touchdown on a drive that took almost six minutes.

So what was the meaning of all this adversity, of being forced to scrounge a victory in spite of having a million reasons to fold? The meaning is that the Raiders can win even when they don't play well. They can win when everything in the natural world conspires against them. They can win in grim circumstances, they can win when nothing is any fun, when the game comes down to fighting desperately for every inch.

It means that the Raiders ought to beat the Cowboys next Sunday, and maybe, just maybe, the Super Bowl will involve the Raiders and 49ers. Wouldn't that be interesting?

## Clemons

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in spring that just opened your eyes."

For Clemons, who stands 6-6 and looks about as out of place among the Cal linebacker corps as William "The Refrigerator" Perry lining up in the old Chicago Bears backfield, spending a year on the sideline provided enough motivation to improve his work ethic.

"It helped me see the game from a fan's perspective," Clemons says. "It made me see how fun this game is and how much I wanted to get back on the field. It definitely made me willing to get back in the grind and do what it took to get myself back."

Right now, however, Clemons says his main concern is winning the Big Game and keeping the Axe. With Cal's defensive interior riddled by a spate of late-season injuries, it won't be easy. The Bears' are coming off their worst defensive performance of the season after giving up more than 300 ground yards to the Sun Devils last Saturday. The best thing to take the weight off the Bears' young replacements would be an NFL-worthy performance from both Clemons and Upshaw.

Clemons, for one, feels the added pressure.

"We got to win it," he says. "I think we owe it to our fans and to our seniors."

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## Motel

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"We'll have a mortgage of about \$550,000 with a guaranteed 10-year Section VIII subsidy," Farber said. "The bank will make us a 15-year loan with a balloon payment after the 10th year. We hope the city of El Cerrito will pay that for us."

### Agency support needed

The agency would be asked to contribute between \$200,000 and \$220,000 in 10 years, he said, adding that Rubicon had looked to design a project that would need participation at the later end rather than in the next few years when agency revenues are already committed elsewhere.

Farber estimated the value of the investment at that time as about \$110,000 in today's terms. Though the investment is technically a loan, it would not have to be paid off until the project was changed (which would mean substantial penalties for Rubicon), sold, or in 50 years.

Redevelopment agency manager Gerry Raycraft told committee members the figure in question should translate to about four percent of the tax revenues that would be available to the agency in 10 years, a figure estimated to be \$3 million.

Lewis later said that over the 10 years, rather than in the 10th year, revenues of \$8 million are expected, placing the Rubicon investment at perhaps one-half of one percent of the available funds.

He also pointed out that the agency is required by the state of California to invest 20 percent of its revenues in affordable housing.

There is a possibility that the Section VIII funding would be renewed in 10 years, though neither Rubicon nor any bank would want to count on that, said Farber. "For 10 years, we'll be negotiating like crazy," he

said.

Raycraft said the agency would also be looking at alternatives to a straight pay-in.

"We could put it in a tax-exempt bond issue and refinance...on a tax-exempt basis," he said. "That would be a better leverage for our money."

Raycraft considers the whole project to be an excellent leverage for agency funds in the long run, while upgrading a hotel that no longer serves any useful purpose on San Pablo Avenue and fitting in consistently with the agency's longterm goals for the site. (See accompanying article.)

Hard numbers on the project were not available Monday; committee members warned that more solid numbers would be needed if any decision is to be made by the City Council at its meeting Monday night. (Rubicon desires an immediate decision in order to meet its December application deadline for the federal tax credits.) Farber did bring estimates, however. They are:

- Acquisition of property: \$925,000;
- Hard costs, including construction and contingencies: \$585,278 ("that doesn't allow for a lot of rehab, but it will do," Farber said);
- Soft costs, including surveys, consulting and architectural fees: \$468,589; and
- Supportive services: \$2,298,092.

The latter number is high because of its tie-in with the tax credit/private investor arrangement.

Everyone was enthusiastic about upgrading at the motel, which has 28 units, more than half of which are rented by the day or less, said Farber, and are thus often empty. The site is considered to be blighted, and no one argued with that designation.

Agency chair Jane Bartke, however, voiced a question that several committee members shared.

Like other committee members, Bartke supports the idea of the project and its social value; she also wants the site upgraded. She raised the possibility that another project might upgrade the site and bring in property tax revenues to the city at the same time, as any non-profit status would not.

Bartke insisted that staff bring numbers on tax revenue that will be lost if the status of the property changes. She also noted that a financial commitment "downstream" might take away from another future project — say, housing at El Cerrito Plaza.

At least two committee members expressed disagreement with the priority that financial benefits should play. Lauren Volpini's concerns focused on the program itself.

"If we're taking care of our own, it's worth some money," she said.

Volpini wants to see the project benefiting El Cerrito residents in need and wants the city to exercise some "independent oversight" over its operation "to make sure our city is hosting what we all agreed to."

"I am not willing to support a project where I wouldn't feel some of those who live there are worthy tenants...where there are all men and no women...where there are single men who have left wives and children behind..." she said.

Committee member Sandia Potter said she valued Raycraft's opinion that the Rubicon project will support the redevelopment agency's housing goals. She said that, much like the proposed Del Norte theatre project, the proposed housing project "might not be what everyone envisioned for the property" but that "it would be too bad if we missed (the opportunity) and had to look at the Idaho Motel for another 10 years."

A variety of other opinions were expressed. Former city planner Mark Caughey did not want to

commit tax increment funding the agency, but he had and asked that other possibilities be explored, including fast-track permitting, subsidizing or waiving of certain fees.

Noting that the investment would cover only 10 percent of the agency's estimated tax revenue for the 10th year, committee member Gonzales expressed his general support, even though "220K is a lot of dollars."

"This is something the city needs to do anything like it," he said, referring to "vital, viable organization."

Committee member Horatio Avila said whether the project might engender the reaction from some vocal residential churches wanted to house people in for one week.

Alger said he had spent a night in the motel and had found everything went very smoothly, but he feared that (had come) up. "The Rubicon he said, is for 'a great project'."

Like Bartke, however, Avila said that two years from now, we'll get a better proposal.

Chair John Baker also believes there is public criticism, though he would see the shortsighted, since "we need the facilities."

The decision should take into account that will be available to the city 10 years, Baker said, as well as the requirements to be set aside for housing.

The presentation to the council will accept endorsement from the RAC. The design by staff will be based on a number of points of agreement, Raycraft said.

## Youth

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structured afterschool study program for elementary students nine years ago. Now, she has taken on a broader role, targeting youth of all ages.

Part of the challenge for the kids is language. Daniel Nachmany is eleven years old and grew up in Israel where her first language was Hebrew. Gary Hsiao has been in the country and in Albany for only a few months. Most of the kids in the program have come from other countries, including at least six from Korea. "It's like a United Nations here," said Birnbaum.

The Korean-born mother of one of the students urged Birnbaum to steer her son toward a writing tutor. Her son was only interested in doing math. The family came to UC Village in August. The fragile feeling of strangeness was shared by both mother and son. The mother, who wished to remain anonymous, cautiously admitted to feeling bad that she hadn't taught her son more English before the move. She said that her son resisted speaking any language but Korean.

November 8 was the second night of this semester's

session. Most of the students were smiling and actively working with their tutors on algebra, reading,

chemistry, fractions, and book reports. Birnbaum designed the program to incorporate structure. The students and parents must sign contracts which foster a sense of ownership and commitment to the learning process. Lack of structure, according to Birnbaum, was the reason another tutorial program several years ago earned a bad reputation. "It became a hang-out place," she recalled. "The schools didn't feel good about it, the police didn't... I wanted to start with a whole new slate."

Most of the students on Wednesday night were serious about learning. Twelve year-old Jesse Staton wants "to understand the math better." Hytham Zayed said "I want to be sure that I know everything, especially math." Some kids said they would be watching TV if they weren't here. Said Jesse Staton, "At night, there's nothing else to do."

The volunteer tutors included UC students, Albany parents, and adults with a desire to help kids. Wendy

Taniwanga studies civil engineering and helps with math and science. As a parent, she heard about the program through the PTA, as well as fliers at the Village.

Tutor Ed Powell moved into UC Village a couple of months ago. He taught in St. Louis Obispo County at one time, but found that "kids needed so much more time than I could give them...They just needed somebody in their lives."

Margaret Alkon studies law and chose to volunteer with the kids because, she said, "It's about as far away from law school as you can get."

Birnbaum calls the Academic Support Program her pilot project. In the future, she would like to establish course credit for the tutors through the University of California. She also plans to get Albany high school students involved as

tutors to younger children, and perhaps, they could receive academic credit as well.

Some kids respond well when they take the lead, Birnbaum has noticed. "It turns the energy around...to

be a role model."

Her vision is to expand mentoring to the entire community, with business people, parents of all ages involved. She would also like to have kids get involved in activities like the tutoring project.

By trying different types of activities, Birnbaum hopes also to reach those children who are the ones who tend to slip through the cracks.

The first session of the Academic Support Program is filled to capacity with students. Birnbaum is looking to call, looking to sign up. Birnbaum is another evening because of demand, and that demand depends on the number of students.

"Teens have so much potential, but they're scared," Birnbaum said. "We get so scared of them that we always believed that kids are wonderful."

For further information about the Academic Support Program or about becoming a tutor, call Birnbaum at 526-2043.

## Endorse

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ate seat is being vacated by veteran legislator Nick Petris, who, like Bates, is being forced out by term limits.

"These were not easy decisions," said Mary Ann McCamant, a member of the club's executive board. "We seem to have an embarrassment of riches in this district when it comes to good, electable endorsable candidates for the Assembly and the Senate. It almost makes one wish you could loan them out to other districts."

The executive board recommended endorsing Campbell and Woodworth.

McCamant said the board was persuaded to endorse Campbell because he was being supported by Petris, the Senate's most senior member, and because of his reputation as a "hard working, professional legislator."

But the main attraction was the assembly race.

While Campbell's endorsement was expected, no one was sure if Woodworth—an independent progressive and rent control supporter who's differed with more conservative club members before—would be able to win the necessary 60 percent majority.

There were many in the club who tenaciously opposed her endorsement. One club member opposed to Woodworth distributed a marked copy of a column that appeared in The Voice last week to sway others against the 41-year-old council member.

In the first voting round Woodworth fell slightly short of winning the endorsement, but was able to beat

Cheasty in the runoff 53 to 25.

McCamant said Woodworth was a candidate who was electable, accessible and who would represent "the needs and desires of Berkeley."

"A very wise politician said to me recently, 'You can't create a center unless someone is willing to cross the line.' Carla has crossed the line in our direction and we believe it would be in the benefit to cross in the other direction," McCamant told club members prior to the vote.

Campaign sources say Woodworth, who's campaign has had trouble raising cash contributions, desperately needed the club's endorsement to increase her fundraising ability. Sources estimate it will cost anywhere from \$200,000 to \$300,000 to make a successful bid to win the March primary.

Dave Davis, a local political consultant currently not affiliated with any of the assembly campaigns, questioned how much weight the endorsement would have come election time.

"I don't know how many people are going to vote for that assembly candidate just because they have the BDC endorsement," Davis said.

"It may be more important as a source of money than anything else, but if she already has the support of the key BDC members the official club endorsement is redundant," he said.

Such key members include Kurt Schoeneman, the former president of the Berkeley Property Owners Association, who's supporting Woodworth.

Davis said the more pivotal endorsements are those of recognizable personalities like Congressman Ron Dellums or Berkeley Mayor Shirley Dean.

### Style and experience

Woodworth, like her opponents, portrayed herself as a consensus-builder who would fight the conservative tide in Sacramento. She said while the press emphasizes the polarization between Berkeley's political factions, there's also a lot of common ground.

"When it comes down to important issues like education or transportation or health care I find that Berkeley does work very well together," said Woodworth.

Indeed, all the Assembly candidates sounded similar themes on restoring public education and health care reform. What they said distinguished them from one another is style and experience.

Cheasty said having been mayor in Albany have him practical, hands-on experience putting together a budget. Cheasty, an attorney with a law practice in Berkeley, also touted his environmental credentials and his work to create a state park along the East Bay shoreline.

When asked about his previous legal representation of Golden Gate Fields, Cheasty told club members that he quit when the proposal to build a gambling cardroom arose.

"I did it (quit) because my father's 87 years old and when I'm 87 years old and I look back on my life I don't want to have spent my life as a lawyer for the gambling

industry," Cheasty said.

Dion Aroner, Tom Bates's longtime opponent, emphasized his experience working in the state capitol. "I'm the only candidate with 10 years of experience in Sacramento, who knows how the system works. I can win and I can win," Aroner said.

Mark Friedman, currently chief of staff to County Supervisor Wilma Chan and executive director of the Plant Closures Task Force, said he would support her to his support across the political spectrum. Berkeley City Councilwoman Marjorie Matamoros and Sheriff Charlie Plummer have both endorsed him.

"We need to magnify our similarities and work together and take our anger and direct it toward the right-wing who are taking over in Washington and Sacramento," Friedman said.

Contra Costa County Supervisor Jim Jones, an attorney best known for his late-night radio show "The People's Lawyer," said he would support her to his support across the political spectrum. Berkeley City Councilwoman Marjorie Matamoros and Sheriff Charlie Plummer have both endorsed him.

"Rather than making the tough decisions at the level like raising taxes or cutting social services, the Legislature has raised taxes to balance its budgets. It's time to let the (state) budget on the back of local governments," Rogers said.

## Dave

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But what Simpson felt was a more significant difference between the two groups was in the "I don't know" response. Without a neighborhood planning strategy like Albany's, as much as 26 percent more of Millbrae's residents could not say one way or the other if their homes bolted.

"This provides the first quantitative analysis that supports the impact of the neighborhood program for preparedness," said Fields.

As is often the case with quantitative measures, the study is only a fragment of a larger picture. Simpson has watched the block-by-block program motivate people to get to know each other, to break out of isolation, and form connections with folks next door or across the street. People in the program have reported a deepened sense of community as a result. "This program creates an initial basis of being able to talk beyond hello," said Simpson. "People stop and talk now. It's not just waving or nodding. They say, well, 'how are your kids?' It's been a catalyst," Donaldson agreed.

"Block-by-block is the secret to its success. It provides a reason for going out and getting to know each other. Knowing your neighbors is half the task of organization and preparedness," he said. People talk about other shared concerns, like crime prevention, as well. According to Donaldson, "It's all tied together."

Simpson himself has gone into people's homes to deliver training on neighborhood organizing, search and rescue, maintaining supplies and knowing how to shut off utilities. As Donaldson recalls, "There was one time when Dave had a meeting every evening of the month in

someone's home." And Helen Munch believes that Simpson made people "more comfortable" talking about earthquakes.

When Simpson began working for the city as a summer intern in 1992, a group of Albany residents had begun a neighborhood emergency planning group on a grassroots level. The Loma Prieta quake in 1989 literally shook up the community. It warned of future threats and drove people to take action. Albany's volunteer group then known as ALERT (Albany Local Emergency Response Teams) became what is now familiar to many in the community as EQPP, or "equip." Many tools and structured training programs have been added since the early days of ALERT. Citizens of ALERT pressured city government for endorsement and assistance. That was when the city hired Simpson on full-time.

Simpson researched preparedness programs in other communities like Sunnyvale, Los Angeles, and Tokyo, which began the neighborhood strategy. But the roots of the program began with neighbors talking to neighbors about a reality that most people would rather not face.

Denial is difficult to break through. Information can't accomplish what peer pressure often will. Simpson's approach is by no means the "Chicken Little" strategy. "The best way is to approach people with things that are doable, that sneak in under the denial," he says. So, many meetings in the past have started off with simple activities like marking utility shut-off valves.

With a high probability (USGS estimates a 67 percent chance) that the Hayward Fault will experience a major earthquake of 7.0 or higher in the next 10 years, and with the reality that city emergency services and resources will

not be able to reach every single resident right away, Albany's program addresses real need. "In the short term, governments can't respond to all the needs, so you look at self-sufficiency," explained Simpson. His recent report will provide a baseline upon which to measure where the EQPP can progress from this point.

Simpson himself got into local planning after a history of work in all levels of government. He worked on Defense Policy at the federal level in Washington. Then, he went to work for the state of Texas, where he grew up. There, he served in the Department of Agriculture which was then headed by Commissioner Jim Hightower—a committed believer in grassroots social activity. Simpson later worked at the county level in Criminal Justice Policy. Finally, he came to the Bay Area to study at the country's number one Urban Planning program at UC Berkeley, and began his tenure in city government in Albany. Only at the local level, and more specifically, by meeting individuals in a neighborhood-based program, was Simpson finally able to get results.

"One of the reasons I got into public policy and planning... was to be able to look back and say I changed things, changed what we exist in for the better," Simpson said.

Later this month, Simpson will deliver another report based on his personal interviews with neighborhood block captains. It is more anecdotal than the current report. The stories told to him in these interviews are a testimony to the impact of the neighborhood program.

"I'll give you an example," Simpson related. "One neighborhood had organized. They had one woman on the street who was on heart medication. And they had set

up a system where a person on either side of the street would check on her after an earthquake. We had three small earthquakes in '94, and one of them was a pretty good jolt at 1:30 in the morning. She worked up enough to where she was having an attack and needed her medication. One of the neighbors went over, as part of the plan, was to bring her medication and call 911 and get her to the hospital. From what I hear, that saved her life."

Last spring, Albany had its first earthquake drill and the benefits of block-by-block planning showed up clearly. Other cities have been encouraged by Albany's example. On Thursday, November 16th, the City of Albany held its version. However, "Albany's example encouraged every single neighborhood to have something like a 70 percent participation rate," Simpson said. "That has never happened anywhere else."

With his soft-spoken voice, dark hair, and a slight smile, Simpson stands over six feet tall and is a native in the community. He married a woman named Dolores Stroll and has, in Doug Davis, a close friend in personal contact with over a dozen years.

"I've never had a job where you get to know the people and it's like talking to friends when you go to work," Simpson said.

The City Council last month appointed Simpson to the position in the city which will coordinate disaster preparedness with responsible agencies. Although Simpson moves into a new career, the community's program will



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## East vs. west: real estate adventures in New York

When we found ourselves in a position to take a vacation, we did. And it was a hectic summer, we

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At a small gap, which we decided to fill with a trip to New York City and New England, to see the fall colors and visit friends. It happened, shortly before

we left, we accepted an offer on our rental "investment" home in Albany. Like many other sellers we had made the mistake of pricing the property too high at the

very beginning. We wanted to get our money out. (We purchased it at the high end of the market in '91.) And we needed all the money for the property we wanted to buy. Neither our needs nor our desires

had much effect on the real "market" price!! We made some additional improvements and dropped the price—amazingly we got an offer.

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The "tax" code provides for a "like-kind" exchange thereby allowing real-estate investors to defer the capital gains tax on a sale. The IRS is extremely picky about exchanges, so consulting an attorney is always mandatory. Our original replacement, a wonderful apartment building in Albany, had long since sold to someone else, so we had to find another suitable rental property.

We fell in love with the eastern fall season that greeted our arrival in New York: yellow leaves and bright skies, albeit a bit warmer than we had anticipated. Almost immediately, we started thinking we might be able to buy something on the East Coast. Why not? I grew up there. Besides, why not own property in two seismic zones?

We spent our whole vacation visiting friends, looking at real estate and talking with agents in

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## Prospect School announces 'Home for the Holidays' tour



This impressive four-level house was built by cutting-edge Los Angeles architect Frank Israel and recently profiled by the New York Times.

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The four-level house was rebuilt after the Oakland fire by cutting-edge Los Angeles architect Frank Israel and recently profiled by the New York Times.

Among the seven diverse homes decorated for the holidays you'll also see a historic Charles Eastlake treasure restored to its original charm, as well as a creatively updated Albany bungalow, which, with its glass conservatory and indoor waterfall, was featured in Better Homes and Gardens.

A majestic Piedmont estate, the largest home in the East Bay, will also house a holiday gift shop offering gourmet foods and one-of-a-kind gifts.

The self-guided tour takes place Sat., Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$32 and include an elegant boxlunch served in an atmosphere of holiday gaiety at the Brazilian Room in Tilden Park. Chef Joe Rhiel will also be offering a pastry demonstration at Classic Confections throughout the day.

The 81 raffle prize packages include a two-week trip to Italy, round-trip airfare courtesy of Delta Airlines, as well as exciting getaways to Sante Fe, Boston, Idaho and Disneyland. Raffle tickets are \$2 each, 20 for \$25, 50 for \$50 or 140 for \$100.

To make reservations for the tour or to purchase raffle tickets, send your check payable to Prospect Schools, 2060 Tapscott, El Cerrito, CA 94530. Call 527-4155 to reserve tickets or for more information.

# East...

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New York City, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Maine.

In Manhattan, people advised us to see the works of Hopper, Mondrian and the latest new artists on Soho, but we could not contain ourselves. We never stepped inside a museum or heard the sounds of music on Broadway.

Instead, we traipsed around doing what we enjoy most: looking at property. We visited condos, coops and small apartment buildings in Greenwich Village and the upper West Side.

Manhattan is an amazing place where preferences and money come in conflict with rent control and street tough tenants. This makes for wacky inconsistencies: crumbling, broken down buildings more or less next to very fancy ones. Rents of a few hundred dollars a month for life are often found in the same building as apartments renting for several thousands.

And the taxes!! We thought Berkeley taxes were high! At least Berkeley has implicit rhyme and reason, but this is not the case in Manhattan. No one, not Realtors, appraisers, mortgage bankers, nor the recipient of tax bills seem to understand the tax structure. Why, for example, would a building with an appraised value of \$500,000

have taxes of \$22,000 a year, yet one which sold for \$800,000 have taxes of only \$9,000?

In New York, buyers are largely underrepresented in the typical real-estate transaction. Agents tend to show their "in house exclusives." There is no Multiple Listing Service, but most properties listed within the city are available on computer to all offices. Real-estate agents work almost exclusively for the seller. Period. They are up front about that with written disclosures in six point type on the information sheet and on the floor plan they give out when showing an apartment.

Everything is sold in "as is" condition and, unlike in California, that means take it or leave it. Inspections, if any, are done prior to and never after the making of an offer. There are no disclosures regarding the physical condition of the property, except maybe comments about a new roof or when the property was last painted.

Inspecting an apartment in a ten-story building with several hundred units is not exactly like inspecting a single family residence.

Yet, the number of times we heard, "well that just isn't done here," in response to my questions and suggestions started to get on our nerves. A good faith deposit of 10 percent is required upon signing the contract.

Agents in New York City, and

in most of the Northeast, introduce "customers" to apartments and then turn them over to lawyers for writing the contract, negotiations and "closings," an elaborate half-day process in which buyers, sellers, lenders, lawyers and agents huddle around a table and often come close to unraveling the deal.

In the end, we bought an apartment (conditioned, of course, on the coop board's reviewing every known fact about our financial condition and reading six personal and business reference letters.)

This was all accomplished in about 15 minutes without any inspections from the seller's agent. It was done at the price that she told us the seller would accept (\$12,000 less than the asking price.)

We are still waiting for the "black book" describing the financial condition of the building and all the rules and regulations we buy into when we close. We are happy to have bought an apartment in New York City, just around the corner from where I grew up in the west West Village and to have returned to California to live and do business.

**Barbara and Dennis Hendrickson are partners in The Hendrickson Company. Send questions to Hills Newspapers, Real Estate, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland 94619, or call them at 540-6000; fax: 548-6865.**

# Events

San Francisco Institute of Architecture presents a Sustainable Ecological Design: Perspectives and Insights Thurs., Nov. 16, 7-9 p.m. Howard St., (between Broadway and Montgomery St.) BART 1325 for more info.

The Golden Gate American Society of Authors (A.S.H.), monthly dinner meeting Nov. 16 at Hs. Lord at the Berkeley Marina will discuss Water Roofing. For more info contact Dermot O'Kelly.

Buyer's Agent Dan REALTY WORLD Associates announces Homebuyer's Workshop Nov. 18, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Grand Ave., Oakland 0500 for reservations.

CMG Mortgage Real Estate Financial Sat. Nov. 18, from 10 to 1029 Solano Way. Learn how to minimize when buying a home. Free information and make an appointment. Karen Ward 718-2134.

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Reduced! Beautiful unobstructed bay view! Fabulous deck, 2 sunny bedrooms, 1.5 baths. This private end unit is in move-in condition.  
NANCY DONNELLY 339-8400

**HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS... \$249,500**  
Peaceful cul-de-sac offers spacious 2BR, gleaming hardwood floors, private & level yards. Bonus rumpus room included with formal dining, eat-in kitchen.  
EARLE SHENK 287-9590

**PIEDMONT PINES - COLONIAL RANCH.. \$249,000**  
Fussy buyers - the perfect house that you have been waiting for. Walk to Montclair Village from this absolutely charming custom home with large, level lot.  
CAROL COHEN 339-8400

**HOME WITH A HEART... \$249,000**  
Needs a handyman's touch. Roomy 4+BR, 2BA craftsman on charming China Hill St. You'll love its lovely hwd flrs, box-beamed ceilings, remod kit & room to expand.  
NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

**ARTS & CRAFTS MASTERPIECE!! \$249,000**  
Fabulous 1907 original on a big lot for privacy! Original woodwork, light fixtures, windows create an ambience of yesteryear. Unique opportunity. Just listed.  
PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

**GLENVIEW'S BEST! \$247,000**  
Quiet street yet close to everything. A perfect home for partners or teens, used as a duplex for years. Large yard and deck, basement workshop & great neighborhood!  
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**VICTORIAN CLASSIC \$229,000**  
Desirable Adams Point Remodeled 5+BR, 2BA, formal dining, fam rm, den, master suite w/own rm, hardwood. Surrounded by other Victorians.  
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**WONDERFUL BAY VIEW... \$219,000**  
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**HOME + INCOME + 4 CAR GARAGE... \$219,000**  
Your own piece of paradise, sharp 2BR brown shingle craftsman with view, plus ideal duplex. 2BR, 1BA ea in Glenview, great rental area, call now.  
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**REDWOOD HEIGHTS AREA... \$215,000**  
Don't miss this great home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths on 1 level with bay views. Two car garage with interior access. Seller will credit for new rugs.  
CAROL COHEN 339-8400

**YOU'RE A WINNER!! \$211,000**  
If you buy this 2+ bedroom, Glenview bungalow with garage, tree-lined street. New foundation, but convenient to everything, priced to sell.  
MARTHA SHIN 531-8643

**A VIEW & A WHOLE LOT MORE... \$189,950**  
Well-designed 3BR, 2.5BA home overlooking the bay & SF. Eat-in kitchen with a formal dining room & fireplace in living room. Move in condition.  
MORRIE FEIGENBERG 547-6975

**CRISMAN ALERT - A REAL DANDY!! \$189,500**  
1915 craftsman enhanced by expert rehab. Entry parlor has arched doorways, classic built-in wainscoting & 1/2 bath, office & basement. Double lot besides!  
EARLE SHENK 287-9590

**RICHMOND VIEW WITH A VIEW... \$189,000**  
One super clean home on quiet street. Much remodeling done. Hardwood floors, fireplace deck, hot tub, Mt. Tam view move-in, enjoy. Call for details.  
NICK LAVROV 525-2727

**WANT LOTS OF HOUSE FOR YOUR \$?... \$189,000**  
Sparkling clean and spacious home offers formal dining, bay view and a large rumpus room! Half bath and potential 3rd bathroom make this a value you must see!  
PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

**OLD STYLE CHARM... \$185,000**  
Fab neighborhood. Charm, galore. Utility rm could be 3rd BR, level yard. Idora Pk is an area to enjoy.  
MICHAEL HARDING 654-2669

**STYLE AND QUALITY... \$179,500**  
Pride shows in this immaculate 3BR, 2BA Maxwell Park home. Large light-filled rooms, new baths and wonderful private gardens make this a special family home.  
JODY EDMONSON 287-9582

**MORE LIKE A HOME THAN A CONDO... \$170,000**  
Unique 3 bedroom, 2 bath with its own laundry & family room plus home office space. New bath and tile, restaurants.  
LYN MURRAY

**TOP VALUE, LOW PRICE... \$160,000**  
Very large rooms in this North Oakland updated home. 3BR and family room plus home office space. New bath and tile, restaurants.  
JODY EDMONSON

**SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP... \$150,000**  
Walk to Bayfair Mall then come home to your own level. 1.5 bath home with a delightful private covered patio. No fee for the holidays.  
EDITH MARCUS

**TIRE OF FIXING-UP? \$140,000**  
This charming brown shingle has been rebuilt from the ground up. Move in and enjoy your spacious family home. Close to restaurants, transportation.  
PATRICIA BENNETT

**LUXURY & A GREAT VIEW TOO! \$130,000**  
Gorgeous townhouse with a fab view from every room. Remodeled, remodeled kitchen & baths, tiled entry, private patio, fireplace & more.  
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**BUY THIS HOUSE, PLEASE! \$120,000**  
Central El Cerrito 3BR, 1BA clean and cozy and convenient. Located. Fireplace hardwood under carpets extra storage. Painted vinyl. PC done.  
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**TRADITIONAL MILLS BUNGALOW... \$110,000**  
Newly listed traditional Mills College area bungalow. 3BR, extra room in basement, hardwood floors, fireplace. Home for gardening, more!  
NICK LAVROV

**YOUR FAMILY CREST'S 1ST HOME! \$100,000**  
Melrose pride swells at sight of this 2BR, 1BA home. Well located on quiet street. Nice yard, usable attic. Call now!  
MICHAEL KELLY

**14397 DOOLITTLE DRIVE... \$100,000**  
San Leandro - Marina West condominium. 3BR, 2BA. Marina, golf course and many amenities. Truly an excellent style.  
CAROL COHEN

**BEST PRICE IN BUILDING... \$90,000**  
Exceptional Adams Point condo completely remodeled. New carpet, updated bathrooms, fresh paint & new appliances. This is a must see. Bay view, too.  
MORRIE FEIGENBERG

**PRIVATE URBAN GARDEN... \$80,000**  
Gives unique personality to this oversized 1 1/2 bedroom. New paint, carpets, window covers, etc. Class A building. Downman. Safe luxury!  
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**ONE KELTON COURT - BAY VIEWS... \$70,000**  
Piedmont Ave's best bldg. 1BR end unit w/western No. Truly luxurious & care free living.  
CAROL COHEN



# Events...

Building Education Center  
812 Page St., Berkeley, pre-  
Drywall Finishes: Hands-  
Nov. 18, 9:30-12:30 p.m.  
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Building Education Center  
812 Page St., Berkeley, pre-  
The Smart Home Seller, Sat.,  
18, 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Fee is  
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Building Education Center  
812 Page St., Berkeley, pre-  
Three classes Sun. Nov. 19:  
Finishes: Hands-On, 9:30  
-12:30 p.m. Fee is \$95. Archi-  
-12:30 p.m. Fee is \$95. Archi-  
Sketching, 10 a.m.-3:00  
Fee is \$50. Landscape Wa-  
Design, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fee  
Call 525-7610 to register.

Building Education Center  
812 Page St., Berkeley, pre-  
Owner Contracting: Project  
See EVENTS, page 24

## Artist Anne George to show work at Holiday Open Studios

Artist Anne George, a resident of Oakland's Sequoyah Hills, pursues her craft at a Strawberry Creek Design Center studio in Berkeley. Her creations will be on display on four successive weekends beginning Nov. 25 as part of the Berkeley Artisans Holiday Open Studios.

A painter since an early age, George is uncomfortable with the very idea that a deep fear of art critics led her first to test the waters of other careers. After working as an interior remodel designer, a documentary journalist, and with the criminal justice system, she is now comfortable working as an artist.

"If volcanoes are best climbed in one's youth," she said, "I'm glad I did it. The work I'm doing now is what I love most. It still surprises and delights me to be hugged as a client expresses excitement over a custom piece I've created."

George is a fine art painter who

also designs for the home. "The distinction between fine art and decorative art is not clearly apparent in my work," said George. "I enjoy challenging those boundaries, because evocative color, subtle or bold, and good design contribute significantly to our lives, wherever they are found."

Her diverse styles appear in canvas wall pieces, floorcloths and table runners, and in accessories: painted canvas pillows, lampshades, candlesticks, as well as terracotta pots.

Works on paper, holiday painted aprons, plus journals and a few surprises will be shown in her lovely creekside atelier as part of Berkeley Artisans Holiday Open Studios.

George also accepts commissions and offers gift certificates for both her work and her floor cloth making classes. Her next class is slated for February at 2121 Bonar Str., Studio D, Berkeley. Call her at 644-1956.



Three angelic figures playfully romp in one of Anne George's creations.



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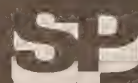
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VIEW LOT!.....\$45,000  
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SUPER CONVENIENT LOCATION!.....\$156,000  
2BR, 1BA, close to shopping & trans. Remod. bath & kitchen, hwd flrs, 2 skylights. Bonus room off gar. #W34709 John Anderson 510-237-8842

EL CERRITO HILLS.....\$164,950  
2BR, 1BA, super clean, new paint in and out. Gleaming hardwood floors, will replace roof! #W35209 Carolyn Dopp 510-223-6700

GREAT STARTER / WON'T LAST!.....\$168,000  
2BR, 1BA home, approx 1,072 sq. ft. 2 car garage, new roof, new paint, great back yard, incredible price! #W34875 Audrey Steiner 510-724-3010

STOP THE CAR! IT'S SO CUTE!.....\$195,000  
3BR, 1BA, large kitchen with all appliances & washer/dryer. Hardwood under carpet, 2-car garage. #700 Geri Stern 510-234-7808

MT. TAM VIEW / GREAT FAMILY HOME!.....\$199,500  
3BR, 2BA quiet court, next to park. Move-in cond. Alarm system, 2-car garage, no yard work! #W35147 Chris Christopher 510-254-1742

FABULOUS REMODEL!! BAY VIEWS!!.....\$235,000  
New listing! 3+BR, 2BA with family rm, formal dining rm, garage, landscaped yard, new paint & roof! Marble countertops in kitchen. Open Sunday 2-4, 6527 Morris Ave. Geri Stern 510-234-7808

LOVINGLY RESTORED CRAFTSMAN.....\$229,000  
3BR, 2BA, formal dining room, 2 car garage, fireplace, beautifully landscaped yard. #W35106 Magany Abbass 510-233-7329

NEW CONSTRUCTION / CUSTOM HOME WITH PANO BAY VIEW!.....\$429,500  
5BR, 2.5BA, family room, tri-level, 2 car garage. Huge rooms throughout, in-law potential. #W35034 Dwayne Bartels 510-222-3042

### ALBANY

EVERYTHING IS NEW!!.....\$275,000  
3BR, 2.5BA, hardwood floors, tile kitchen, new appliances, garage, nice back yard. #W33593 Scott Rebeck 510-262-5585

### KENSINGTON

SPECTACULAR S.F. & GOLDEN GATE VIEW IN THE HILLS.....\$360,000  
2 homes on almost 10K sq. ft. lot, 2BR, 1BA, w/1BR, 1BA cottage! Quiet st., hwd flrs, hot tub, secluded. #W35258 John Anderson 510-237-8842

### RICHMOND ANNEX and VIEW

CUSTOM HOME.....\$174,500  
3BR, 2BA with 2-car garage, 4 years old, dining "L", move-in condition. #W33537 John Anderson 510-237-8842

FORECLOSURE.....\$169,950  
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#### Gracious Tudor with Bay View

This half-timber Tudor offers a sunken living room with flagstone fireplace, breakfast room, built-ins, 4br, 2ba, study, 2 car garage. Needs some work but worth it at \$349,000.



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NEW PRICE! Top-of-the-world views. Very special 4/5+ North Berkeley home. Great in- and outdoor living. Study, family room & pool. Trish McEneaney ext. 125

2851 RUSSELL STREET.....OPEN SUNDAY 2-4.....\$650,000  
Walter Ratcliff designed 5BR/3BA Tudor with large rooms, sunny gardens, and exceptional detail. Jack McPhail ext. 125

OVERLOOKING THE BAY.....\$590,000  
Gracious 4/4 Ratcliff design, 1/2 acre, pool! Ron Eggherman ext. 127

111 EL CAMINO REAL.....OPEN SUNDAY 2-4.....\$395,000  
EXCELLENT VALUE! 4BR, 2.5BA. Studies, solarium. Bay view. Large private garden. Paul Templeton 652-2133 ext. 131

2247 ASHBY AVENUE.....OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30.....\$249,900  
Spacious 3/1.5 updated home, large sunny garden. Ron Eggherman

ELMWOOD CONDOMINIUM.....\$150,000  
Beautiful & light 1+BR/1BA flat. Movies! Coffee! Faye Keogh ext. 126

UPDATED CONDO.....\$118,500  
NEW PRICE! Terrific 1BR condo, close to U.C. & College Avenue shops

#### OAKLAND

DESIGNED FOR THIS SITE AND YOUR LIFE.....\$765,000  
A uniquely beautiful & livable home. 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, kitchen family/patio Great Room. VIEWS & LAND. Gini Erck ext. 133

VERSATILE ROCKRIDGE LANDMARK in the heart of Rockridge.....\$569,000  
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5681 OAK GROVE AVENUE.....OPEN SUNDAY 2-4.....\$389,000  
2 story, 4/2.5 Craftsman w/ remod kit & MBR suite. Jan Fougner

331 CLIFTON STREET.....OPEN SUNDAY 2-4.....\$232,000  
New furnace, water heater, anchor bolts, electrical service etc, etc. Move right in! Gini Erck 652-2133 ext. 133

LOWER PIEDMONT AVENUE.....\$179,000  
Sunny 3BR/1BA traditional. Hidden neighborhood. Ron Eggherman

SPECTACULAR VIEW LOT.....\$125,000  
A very special street with Golden Gate & serene hill view

#### EL CERRITO

2608 MONTA VISTA AVENUE.....OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30.....\$298,000  
Simply gorgeous, 4/2.5, views, pvt garden, HD floors. Ron Eggherman



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GRAND VIEW. New custom contemporary, perfect family home. Has good .....\$698,000  
Expansion potential, level outdoor living. Great location. Marie Kenaga

BURDECK. Mediterranean estate with bay views on mature landscaped .....\$695,000  
Elegant! 4BD, 4BA, in-law and au pair possible. Wendy Callaghan

AQUARIUS WAY. Looking for quality? Elegant custom Mediterranean, bay .....\$525,000  
detached art studio, 3+BD, 2.5BA. Peter Nicolopoulos

ROCKRIDGE BLVD. SO. Dramatic, sunny remodel. Skylights, .....\$336,500  
hardwood floors, 3BD, 2BA, formal dining, garage, lovely yard. Stan Hammond

OLIVE. Piedmont traditional, 3BD, 2BA diamond in the rough .....\$255,000  
hardwood floors, fireplace, yard, garage, charm with TLC! Katie Meadow

CAMERON. Go for a swim, take a spa or just enjoy your gardens from .....\$249,000  
3BD, 2BA home with hardwood floors and fireplace. Mary Neuberger

ATLAS AVE. Charming English. Three bedrooms with updated bath .....\$229,500  
upgrades to kitchen. Lovely landscaped yard. Diane Earle McCan

ANDERSON. Excellent floor plan on this 3BD, 2BA ranch. Liv rm overlooks .....\$219,500  
garden & patio, eat-in kit, dining area, hwd flrs, 2 car att'd gar. Christine Christensen

RANDOLPH AVE. 1912 brown shingle. Front porch, tree-lined street, big .....\$200,000  
4BD, box beams. Great potential. Joy Bryden

### SHOWN BY APPOINTMENT

ROUGE VIEW. From builder's own Hiller townhome! Gracious rooms, open .....\$479,000  
plan, excellent finishes, decks, patio, huge garage. Mary Neuberger

REMONT PHOES. Traditionally inspired new construction. 3BD, 3.5BA, 3 frpls, .....\$479,000  
kitchen, Bamb and his other caviar on large wooded lot. Wendy Callaghan

WORK IN NO HILLS. Three yr old architect's delight. 2BD, 2BA home, .....\$419,000  
garage and bath office. Great for entertaining. Chef's kitchen. Beth DeAtley

VIEW WEST. Ridgmont beauty of 2700 sq ft, 3+BD, 2.5BA, fam rm w/stone .....\$405,000  
garage, high ceilings, formal dining room and hobby room. Wendy Callaghan

VICTORIAN CHARM - MODERN CONVENIENCE. Victorian 4-plex, renovated .....\$365,000  
Hemedia Gold Coast expansion possibilities. Large units. Stan Hammond

MAJORE TUDOR. Bring your decorating ideas to this well located 3BD, 2BA .....\$299,000  
garage. High ceilings, formal dining room and hobby room. Wendy Callaghan

ALTO COLLEGE AVE. Duplex in good condition. Two bedroom units, .....\$269,000  
garage, new baths, fireplaces, 2 car garages, yard. Stan Hammond

OAKLAND VICTORIAN/CRAFTSMAN. Stunning, renovated with permits .....\$239,500  
3BA, FDR/living rm, china cab, cove ceiling, 3 car gar, gourmet kit. Frank Henner

OFFER! N. Piedmont Ave. Super spac home. 2BD, 1BA, big LR & DR .....\$224,950  
garage, new carpet, remodeled smtl area. Recently painted. Let's make a deal. Holda Hirshberg

MISS THISS! Custom home. Extraordinary wooded view & privacy in this .....\$215,000  
3BR, 1770 sq ft home plus lanai with wood burning stove. Cheryl Gabriel

BUY IN GLENVIEW! Large 2BD, full finished basement, workshop, .....\$179,500  
garage. Convenient to shops and transportation. Nancy Novick

LOWEST PRICE IN PALMA CEIA-HAYWARD. 3BD, 2BA .....\$147,500  
garage, large yard. Seller extremely motivated. Cheryl Gabriel

CRAFTSMAN. Beautifully remodeled kitchen & bath with 3BD .....\$142,000  
garage, new carpet, new paint, new appliances, new windows. Holda Hirshberg

LEGAL DUPLEX. Now used as a single family home. 3BD, 1.5BA .....\$110,000  
garage. New carpet & painted inside/out. In 1993. Cheryl Gabriel

POTENTIAL OR 1ST TIME BUYER. Spacious 1BD condo in .....\$59,500  
garage. 1st area LR, deck, appl, pool, security, entrance. Flexible seller. Holda Hirshberg

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**ALAMEDA**  
1546 3rd Str. - \$189,000  
357 Channing Way - \$329,500  
1519 Fernside Blvd. - \$325,000  
1068 Gardenia Ter. - \$239,000  
1246 Hawthorne Str. - \$405,000  
1053 Holly Str. - \$219,000  
115 Justin Circle - \$344,500  
26 Steuben Bay - \$328,000  
108 Sweet Road - \$393,500  
116 Sweet Road - \$422,500  
1813 Versailles Ave. - \$298,000  
2530 Washington - \$205,000

**ALBANY**  
1268 Washington - \$200,000

**BERKELEY**  
1583 Arch Str. #A - \$195,000  
2143 Cedar Str. - \$150,000  
1189 Euclid Ave. - \$350,000  
904 Keeler Ave. - \$368,000  
1158 Keith Ave. - \$525,000  
1942 Russell Str. - \$205,000  
1670 Sacramento - \$244,000  
1175 Spruce Str. - \$207,000  
1615 Ward Str. - \$120,000

**EL CERRITO**  
818 Arlington Blvd. - \$115,000  
820 Arlington Blvd. - \$195,000

**EL SOBRANTE**  
3753 Painted Pony - \$204,000  
4139 Santa Rita - \$120,000

**EMERYVILLE**  
1063 48th Str. - \$145,000  
6363 Christie #813 - \$133,500

5 Commdr., #406B - \$100,000  
4 Commdr., #427D - \$166,000

**KENSINGTON**  
227 Amherst Ave. - \$250,500  
290 Coventry Road - \$240,000

**OAKLAND**  
398 Adams Str. - \$110,000  
553 Almanza Dr. - \$107,000  
1370 Barrows Road - \$224,000  
3931 Bayo Str. - \$130,000  
3516 Brookdale - \$111,000  
4817 Calderwood - \$382,000  
4500 Camden Str. - \$145,000  
3033 Carlsen Str. - \$226,000  
95 Castle Park Way - \$430,000  
6451 Colton Blvd. - \$331,500  
621 E. 19 Str. - \$104,000  
1136 Everett Ave. - \$196,000  
988 Franklin #1207 - \$129,000  
801 Franklin - \$155,000  
49 Harbord Ct. - \$278,000  
3467 Jordan Road - \$176,000  
151 Lakeside Dr. - \$75,000  
4329 Leach Ave. - \$268,000  
3052 Logan Str. - \$289,000  
10225 Longfellow - \$125,000  
6567 Lucas Ave. - \$350,000  
1508 Magnolia Str. - \$127,000  
6166 Mathieu Ave. - \$400,000  
6450 Mystic Str. - \$285,000  
2626 Nicol Ave. - \$137,000  
10424 Pippin Str. - \$108,000  
6670 Sobrante Road - \$195,000  
4954 Stoneridge Ct. - \$318,000  
5925 Thornhill Dr. - \$170,000  
6219 Virgo Road - \$138,000  
3634 Wisconsin Str. - \$210,000

**PIEDMONT**  
322 Blair Ave. - \$680,000

**SAN LEANDRO**  
1236 145th Ave. - \$142,000  
1565 168th Ave. - \$184,000  
560 Black Pine Dr. - \$175,000  
2495 Blackpool Ln. - \$165,000  
1324 Brookside Dr. - \$146,000  
14611 Corvallis Str. - \$182,000  
1155 Duzmal Ave. - \$185,000  
13730 Jib Road - \$124,000  
2280 Marina Blvd. - \$155,000  
15771 Maubert Ave. - \$145,500  
14413 Seagate Dr. - \$134,000

**SAN LORENZO**  
17145 Via Alamitos - \$143,500  
1784 Via Lacqua - \$160,000  
15881 Via Pinal - \$150,000  
16106 Via Pinal - \$150,000  
15819 Via Rivera - \$178,000  
1381 Via Vista - \$165,000

## SALES STATS BY CITY

**ALAMEDA**  
TOTAL SALES: 12  
LOWEST PRICE: \$189,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$422,500  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$308,166

**ALBANY**  
TOTAL SALES: 1  
PRICE: \$200,000

**BERKELEY**  
TOTAL SALES: 9  
LOWEST PRICE: \$120,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$525,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$262,666

**EL CERRITO**  
TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST PRICE: \$115,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$195,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$155,000

**EL SOBRANTE**  
TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST PRICE: \$120,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$204,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$162,000

**EMERYVILLE**  
TOTAL SALES: 4  
LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$166,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$136,125

**KENSINGTON**  
TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST PRICE: \$240,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$250,500  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$245,250

**OAKLAND**  
TOTAL SALES: 31  
LOWEST PRICE: \$75,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$430,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$207,403

**PIEDMONT**  
TOTAL SALES: 1

PRICE: \$680,000

**SAN LEANDRO**  
TOTAL SALES: 11  
LOWEST PRICE: \$124,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$185,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$157,954

**SAN LORENZO**  
TOTAL SALES: 6  
LOWEST PRICE: \$143,500  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$178,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$157,750

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## Change in the weather a harbinger for making those winter-time adjustments

man to ask if he can re-balance the heat. I haven't called yet, though, because thinking of the cold made me remember some other things.

Weather stripping, for instance. There are five sets of French doors in my house, a lot of glass, a lot of cold air. The doors in the bedroom hallways are especially leaky. I can see out through the gaps between the doors.

Maybe I should call the insulation man, talk to him about the weather stripping, but surely, I could do this work myself. It must be simply a matter of buying the strips, cutting them and nailing them on.

But some of the doors still have old, flaking paint on them. They need scraping and sanding. It would be a shame to put weather stripping on and then have to remove it later or carefully paint around it.

Drapes may be the answer. Drapes pull across the doors and keep out the drafts. But when I look at what is offered in the catalogs, I realize why I haven't bought them already. They're mostly ugly, expensive, require rods, and they cover up some parts of the windows and frames even when they're open.

This summer I got my good painter person to caulk cracks in the wood siding and repaint them. I've been present at enough inspections, listened to the inspector, to know that cracks on the outside of houses have to be fixed.

I even got the painter to apply new sealer on the unpainted wood steps.

And I've changed the furnace filter, checked the batteries in the smoke

detectors, and set the clocks back. Last year we had some water on the basement floor. It lifted the paint and made a mess, which I never got around to fixing. But if I move the boxes from there to higher ground, everything should be fine until spring.

The garden looks weary, still some color but plants are lanky, leaning for light. The zinnias look worn, the cosmos ragged, too. It's always hard for me to decide when to cut them back or pull them out. I hope I manage before it is rainy and muddy and cold.

It's good to get the leaves off the ground, they say. If left there, they provide places for bugs and slugs to lay over during winter. There are still tomatoes on the vine but sometime soon I should pull these out, too.

Then I can plant spring bulbs, can plant them if I buy some, which I haven't done yet. Maybe I'll get to the nursery this weekend, find some new tulip bulbs, maybe some Iceland poppies, too.

Now is the time to plant them; they do much better if they are planted in the fall, and I do love the clear color of the poppies.

The gutters are clean. Hopefully the rain water will be carried along and away from the house. But I must put the splash blocks back in place under the downspouts and scoop up the pine needles that will slow down run-off around the sides of the house.

The chimney was cleaned about a year ago, probably doesn't need it again yet. I've cut up and stored small tree limbs to use for kindling and I have plenty of firewood. The wood is dry now but it is uncovered so I guess

I'd better get some tarps to cover the piles. I do hope they're making tarps this year in a something or other than that awful sharp blue plastic because it looks so foreign in the soft winter landscape.

I know they say that fireplace fires don't contribute to warmth, that they may have the opposite effect, but I don't believe it. It certainly feels warmer to me when there's a fire in the fireplace.

Even in summer my kids complain that I keep the windows open, that they're cold. They shroud themselves in blankets while they watch TV, sticking a hand out now and then to change the channel. They sleep under piles of covers, sometimes (it seems to me) inside too-hot sleeping bags. For winter, they'll need the extra blankets.

The roof is good but we opened the ceilings in the main rooms which probably means we lose a lot of heat through the roof. I do like the look of the golden-colored fir roof sheathing and the new fir beams.

They make for a cabin-sort of look. I'm told that insulation could be added with a new roof, but this roof doesn't need replacing now, thank goodness. Better insulation will have to wait for another time, and found money.

Ah, well. Extra sweaters, slippers, and a pot of soup on the stove steaming up the windows. We'll be fine and cozy.

Pat Talbert and Anet Tarpoff are licensed agents and real estate consultants. To ask a question or to add your name to their mailing list, call Tarpoff & Talbert Ltd., at 653-2050.

## Counseling available for seniors considering reverse mortgages

A growing number of senior citizens in California have been taking advantage of loan programs that enable them to access the equity in their homes to receive large cash sums and/or monthly payments while remaining in their homes. The money received by the homeowner does not have to be repaid until the homeowner moves, sells the home, or dies—whichever occurs first.

These home equity conversion plans, often referred to as reverse mortgages, are appropriate to many seniors and provide them with additional money for daily necessities, home repairs, medical services or some of the "little luxuries" of life.

There are currently several different home equity plans available in California, including those offered through private lenders (as opposed to banks and savings & loans) and several reverse mortgage options that are FHA-insured. Payment options vary among lenders, as do costs, interest rates, and terms of the loan.

Even though reverse mortgages benefit many seniors, they also have significant impact on the homeowner's property and may not be the best option for everyone.

In addition, characteristics of the loans vary widely from plan to plan, are very complex and are often quite confusing to those persons who are not necessarily financially savvy.

Therefore, it is important for seniors to obtain complete and impartial information about all of the home equity conversion plans before making a decision.

There are also many unscrupulous lenders around that think nothing of taking advantage of vulnerable seniors.

All too often, we read of an older person losing her/his home because of the inability to pay back a loan taken out without proper consideration on the part of the homeowner.

To assist seniors in getting important consumer-oriented information about legitimate home equity conversion programs, many municipalities provide funding to non-profit agencies to provide free information and counseling on the subject.

Eden Council for Hope and Opportunity (ECHO) receives funding from both Community Development Block Grants and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide these services to seniors in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

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## Drier climes often make 'wetting agents' a must

**Q:** Several weeks ago, I tuned in to the middle of your program, when you had the wetting agent demonstration. Could you please give me some more information about wetting agents and how they work?

**A:** A wetting agent breaks down the film or barrier on the top of the water, called "surface tension." Surface tension is the support, for example, for a toothpick as it floats on the water's surface. Adding a wetting agent will cause the toothpick to sink. These agents are used to wet organic matter such as peat moss. They are also quite effective on plants that show signs of water stress.

It is important to use wetting agents for plants that have been in the same container for a long period of time. As the plant grows and produces more roots, the amount of soil and moisture retention are reduced.

During warm, dry and windy summers, the soil dries out so that water does not penetrate the root ball, but instead rolls to the sides and out the bottom of the container, denying the root the moisture it needs. To solve this problem, apply a wetting agent like "Water In" or "Water Wet" in

the beginning of June and again in late August for better water penetration into the soil, whether the planting is in the container or in the open ground.

**Q:** What can I put on my lawn and garden to keep my neighbors' cats from using my yard as a litter box? I have tried a number of remedies such as ammonia, Clorox and even wetting the cats.

**A:** It is very frustrating when neighbors can't control their animals. There are many home remedies available for repelling dogs and cats, however they do not work consistently. So, through trial and error, you need to find one that works for you.

Some methods, other than the ones you've already tried, include working chicken manure into the area, spreading braxo flakes and sprinkling the area with red pepper. For a chemical solution, use "Repel." Available at most lawn and garden centers, "Repel" has a strong scent that deters pets, but becomes ineffective when it gets wet. Repeat application as often as necessary.

If all else fails, try setting up a litter box near their area.



the  
dirt  
gardener

by Buzz Bertolero

**Q:** The violets in my yard have never bloomed. I have them in the front and back yard; they get both sun and shade. They have been in the ground for five years and my mother-in-law says the plants have gone blind. What can I do to get these plants to bloom?

**A:** Violets normally like a shady location and suffer in the summer heat. Since these plants are growing well in both sun and shade, they may not be violets at all. Also excessive nitrogen can force blooming plants to grow right out of their blooming cycle. Replace your fertilizer with one that has a lower nitrogen cycle, around ten to fifteen percent, and extend the time between applications.

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## ERA expands European presence into Spain

ERA Real Estate has signed Spain's largest real estate franchise network, Look and Find S.A., to the international ERA system. With the addition of Spain, ERA master franchises have been sold in five European countries. Master franchise holders have the right to sell ERA franchises and provide exclusive products, services and technologies in their respective countries.

The international ERA system, based in Overland Park, Kan., includes over 2,500 member broker offices in 19 countries and territories.

"Real estate is becoming a universal language," said David McIntyre, president of ERA Alameda County Homes and Investments in Alameda. "Whether our clients are moving across the street or to another country, we can provide them with the same services worldwide."

Through the Look and Find affiliation, ERA plans to introduce a full spectrum of real estate products, services and technologies available for the first time in Spain, including new marketing tools, a home warranty program, a department that will handle sales of properties owned by banks and lending institutions,

and real estate agency development programs.

"We're excited about the prospects of revolutionizing the Spanish real estate industry," said Bill Heavener, director of European operations for ERA. "Spain is an emerging market rebounding from a recession. The country has one of the highest percentages of home ownership per capita in Europe. Home sale will begin to prosper as consumer confidence grows." Founded in 1988, the Madrid-based Look and Find has developed an information system that allows clients to view pictures and descriptions of homes for sale before visiting a property. The system reduces the time and effort it takes to shop for homes. Currently the information is transmitted via satellite to ERA Look and Find's 82 broker companies across the country.

ERA Real Estate was the first American company to introduce a similar electronic listing program that transmits via computer a national database of over 50,000 photos and descriptions to ERA member broker offices throughout the United States. ERA plans to implement ERA Look and Find's technology throughout Europe, according

to Heavener. "Now we have the ability to reach every corner of the world through satellite technology," Heavener said. "This technology gives us a huge advantage for people in Europe or around the world to buy property along the coast. Within a short time, this technology will be across the continent."

Spain is the latest in a series of ERA international real estate operations. In 1995, ERA opened operations in Korea. In October, French real estate master franchise ERA France, more than 100,000 sq. ft. system's size from the number of broker offices.

In addition, ERA member broker offices operate throughout the United States, Japan, Indonesia, Taiwan, Guam, Thailand, the Philippines, Malaysia, and the Netherlands. ERA franchises have been sold in other countries, but negotiations are not yet complete in England, Hong Kong, and Australia.

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# YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

### OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

- 6101 MAZUELA DR, Magnificent, nw home w/trad'l flair, pano view \$929,000  
The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400
- 6076 MAZUELA DR, Montclair, bay views! 4bd/3 1/2ba, trad fr plan \$849,000  
The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400
- 6632 LIGGETT, Home w/attached legal 2nd unit, lg gated double lot \$779,000  
Gadsby & Associates, George Gadsby 748-5300 SUNDAY 1-5
- 139 SHERIDAN RD, Upr Rckrdge 4bd/3ba gated mini-estate, lg lot \$775,000  
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460
- 22 SHERIDAN, Upr Rockridge 4bd/3ba newly built, fab bay views \$767,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, David Ichikawa 547-8978
- 1260 GRANDVIEW, New custom contemporary, expansion potential \$698,000  
Wells & Bennett, Marie Kenaga 531-7000
- 2992 BURDECK, Medit estate w/bay views, 4/4, possible in-law \$695,000  
Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 531-7000
- 5981 GIRVIN DR, Piedmont Pines 4+3/4b exciting nw construction \$690,000  
Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 531-7667
- 1955 MANZANITA, Montclair, bright, open 3+bd/3ba with views \$649,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, H. Converse 869-4212 SAT 1-4 & SUN 1-4:30
- 5630 BACON RD, Hillcrest, 1.5 ac, pool, dance rm, zoned/horses \$645,000  
The GRUBB Company, Helen Buty 339-0400
- 1160 DUBURY, 4bd/3 1/2ba, sweeping bay/hill vws, rec rm, 2 mstr stas \$629,000  
Coldwell Banker, Nancy Dickey 339-1174
- 6464 MELVILLE, Tops in Pied Pines, 5b/7+1/2, pool, patio, pvt 1/2 acre \$599,000  
Coldwell Banker, Judy Maher 339-1174
- 5914 BRUNS CT, Montclair 4+bd/3+ba trad'l, family rm, library \$589,500  
Pacific Union, Sally Morrison 339-6460 SATURDAY 2-4:30
- 6850 EXETER DRIVE, 3bd/2ba \$559,000  
Better Homes, Nahid Nassiri 339-4000
- 6815 BRISTOL DR, Hiller, new 3+bd/3 1/2ba, custom, quality, deck \$549,500  
Better Homes, Ed Lindorfer 531-8401
- 919 LARKSPUR DR, Crocker 4+bd/3ba on cul-de-sac, family room \$549,000  
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460
- 930 AQUARIUS WY, Quality, elegant, custom 3+3+1/2+2+1/2, art studio \$525,000  
Wells & Bennett, Peter Nicolopoulos 339-7000
- 51 BAY FOREST DR, North Hills 4bd/2+ba, quality nw constr, view \$499,500  
Pacific Union, Donna DeBardi 339-6460
- 1854 GRANDVIEW, Hiller Highlands new 3bd/3ba w/xclnt SF view \$499,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, 869-4205
- 6117 ASCOT DR, Montclair 5bd/3ba contemporary w/bay vws, decks \$499,000  
Pacific Union, Thomas Wurst 339-6460
- 650 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker Highlands 4+2 1/2, spacious, pool, spa \$480,000  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Patsy Buhler 287-5910
- 1080 HUBERT RD, Crocker, English Country, 3+bd/2 1/2ba, lv garden \$479,000  
The GRUBB Company, Judy Cain 339-0400
- 140 FLORENCE, Rockridge 4bd/3 1/2ba, fab, new, luxury, must sell \$469,500  
Better Homes, Steven Biasatti 339-8400
- 6516 HEATHER RIDGE WY, Montclair 3bd/2+ba stunning contemp \$469,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Mavis Delacroix 658-6332
- 6642 LONGWALK DR, A Frank Lloyd Wright INSPIRED design hme \$457,000  
Will Uher 331-9381 SUNDAY 12-5 Secluded 3bd/2ba w/adj lot, sundek
- 3109 BUTTERS DR, Unique trad'l, 3/4 acre, 3/2, creekside, garden \$449,000  
The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400
- 6840 THORNHILL, Montclair, light-filled 3bd/2 1/2ba, level yard \$449,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, S. Ho 869-4220
- 6020 CASTLE DR, Montclair 3 1/2+, bay views, fam rm, decks, lv yd \$439,000  
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460
- 608 CALDWELL, New construction 4bd/2 1/2ba w/detail! wonderful yd \$435,000  
Coldwell Banker, Vicki Faulk 339-1174
- 9 SCHOONER HILL, Hiller 2 1/2+, secluded brick patio, great view \$434,500  
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174
- 6045 CONTRA COSTA RD, 4/3 Rckrdge quality remodel, au pair \$429,500  
Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460
- 5565 MASONIC AV, Rockridge lovely 5bd/3ba, rumpus w/trpl, yard \$429,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Lehnkind 653-8092
- 5910 ASCOT DRIVE, 4bd/3ba \$419,000  
Better Homes, Nahid Nassiri 339-4000
- 511 FLORENCE AV, Upr Rckrdge 5bd/3ba, hwdws, hottub, 2-car gar \$419,000  
The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400
- 7051 SKYLINE, Montclair, spectacular opportunity, 4bd/3ba \$417,000  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X147 SUNDAY 2-4
- 6645 HEARTWOOD DR, Montclair 4bd/2+ba, fab bay views, lv \$407,000  
Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460
- 1049 HUBERT, Crocker 3b/1+1/2, best location, charm, move in now \$395,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Moore 644-5488
- 17 WINDWARD HILL, SF/bay bridge wv, 3b/2 1/2 wnhm w/upgrades \$389,500  
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174

- 227 RIDGEWAY, Pied Ave magnificent br shingle duplex, 2/2 & 2/1 \$389,000  
Better Homes, Rosemary Greene 635-9842
- 4150 GILBERT, Pied Ave, opportunity, 2/2 & 2/1 br shingle duplex \$389,000  
Better Homes, Rosemary Greene 635-9842
- 5681 OAK GROVE AVE, 2 story, 4bd/2 1/2ba craftsman, remodel \$389,000  
Templeton Company, Jan Fougner 652-2133 X138 SUNDAY 2-4
- 1310 MOUNTAIN BL, Dramatic lines, sophisticated 3b, huge rumpus \$389,000  
Coldwell Banker, Terry Kulka 339-1173
- 3135 HOLYROOD DR, Montclair 5bd/3ba, SF bay view, rec rm, patio \$389,000  
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460
- 4833 PROCTOR AVE, Rockridge stylish nw 3bd/2 1/2ba, hardwoods \$379,000  
The GRUBB Company, John Karmay 339-0400
- 253 FLORENCE AV, Gracious 3/2 tudor, family rm, vaulted ceilings \$379,000  
Coldwell Banker, Ken MacDonald 339-1174
- 400 ELYSIAN FIELDS DR, Sequoyah, custom 4+bd/3 1/2ba, rumpus \$375,000  
The GRUBB Company, Helen Buty 339-0400
- 4335 SEQUOYAH RD, 4+bd/3ba lg Med on pvt 1/3 acre, rumpus rm \$359,000  
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460
- 2933 BENVENUE AV, A charming! Spacious 4/2+ br shingle crtsm \$359,000  
J. T. Ward Realtors, Nancy Platford 845-6021 SUNDAY 2-4
- 4021 GREENWOOD, Crocker 4/4, 1911 classic crtsm, remodel \$359,000  
Pacific Union, Pat Carlson 339-6460
- 3408 RUBIN, Montclair, just listed! 3+bd/2ba, pool, super clean \$349,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202
- 6545 EXETER DR, Montclair, updated h/lm, 3/2, gourmet kitchen \$349,000  
The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400
- 6115 ROCKRIDGE BL SOUTH, Dramatic sunny 3/2 remodel, hwdws \$336,500  
Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 531-7000
- 25 MASONIC PL, Rockridge remodeled 4bd/2ba, move in! \$335,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202
- 118 CRESTMONT, 4bd/3ba with fabulous views! \$335,000  
Gallagher & Lindsey, Lynn 748-1794 SATURDAY 12:30-3
- 5942 MAZUELA, Montclair 2bd/2ba w/pano view, lovely garden \$334,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Elisabeth Belle 644-5452
- 5500 ESTATES DR, 5bd/3ba, spacious w/extra bonus rooms \$319,000  
Robey Real Estate 658-2627/644-0971
- 5850 BROADWAY, Rockridge, open floor plan, lg level corner lot \$319,000  
The GRUBB Company, Judy Rankank 339-1174
- 1068 WALKER, Crocker 4bd/3ba mini mansion, lofty ceiling, sunrm \$319,000  
Mason-McDuffie, Eunice & Chitra 834-2010
- 5353 THOMAS AVE, Rockridge, sunny 3/1 w/legal 1bd rental, lv lot \$315,000  
The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400
- 6995 PASO ROBLES DR, Montclair, just listed 4/2, rec room \$315,000  
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174
- 2030 TAMPA AVE, Montclair, updated kit/baths, 3bd/2ba, bay vws \$315,000  
The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400
- 4437 MOUNTAIN VIEW, Leona Heights 4bd/2+ba \$312,500  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202
- 6547 SARONI DR, Montclair, custom quality 3/2+ rumpus room \$299,000  
The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400
- 1710 ARROWHEAD DR, Montclair 3bd/2ba, parquet flrs, stone frpl \$299,000  
Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460
- 7505 SKYLINE, Montclair, pvt wooded lot, 3bd/2b, ofc, fam rm, deck \$299,000  
Coldwell Banker, Victor Fierro 339-1174
- 25 CRESTMONT, Oakland Hills, like nw 4bd/3ba, extended family hm \$297,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, J. Dunn 869-4215
- 781 ROSEMOUNT, Crocker, grt fairytales 3bd/1+1/2 tudor, price reduced \$295,000  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Dolores Thom 763-1710
- 4811 TRINIDAD AVE, Oakland Hills 3bd/2ba w/view, 2-car garage \$291,000  
Owner 376-8147 SUNDAY 1-5 Deck, Hot tub
- 6666 PINENEEDLE, Serene setting nr regional pk/bike trails, 4/3 \$289,900  
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174
- 16 ELSTON CT, Glenview 3bd/2ba, must come in & see! glorious! \$283,000  
Better Homes, Hal Marcus 339-9281
- 5131 PARKRIDGE DR, Well maintained 3bd/2ba, remodel kit, lg lv lot \$269,900  
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174
- 1948 OAK CREST, Upr Oakmore 3bd/2ba lovely sun-filled, hwdws \$269,000  
Better Homes, Harry Kress 339-8400
- 9555 STEARNS AV, Oakland Hills 4bd/3+ must be best buy in town! \$269,000  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Ray 287-5904
- 3878 HANLY, Oakmore, southwestern 3+bd/2 1/2ba, oak tree setting \$269,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202
- 27 CLAREWOOD LN, Upr Rockridge 2bd/2+ba sunny twnhse, pool \$268,000  
Pacific Union, Joan Daniel 339-6460 SATURDAY 2-4:30
- 3538 KEMPTON WY, 4bd/2ba, lovely, large, charming! Come & see \$259,900  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Demetrius Wilson 869-3740
- 44 SPYGLASS HILL, Hiller Highlands 2b/1+1/2 unit, deck, \$reduced \$259,000  
Better Homes, Nancy Donnelly 339-8400

- 5086 KEARNEY AV, Woodminster 2+4/2 ranch, gdn, berm \$259,000  
Coldwell Banker, Nancy S. Weik 339-1174
- 19 EASTWOOD, Montclair 2+bd/1ba, stylish/desirable, move in! \$259,000  
Better Homes, Arnold Mueller 287-9577
- 10840 CAMERON, 2bd/2ba, hwdws, frpl, gardens, spa, pool \$259,000  
Wells & Bennett, Mary Neuberger 531-7000
- 5450 ASCOT DR, Pied Pines 2bd/1+ba, charming colonial \$259,000  
Better Homes, Julie Renaldi 339-8400
- 1380 TRESTLE GLEN, 3 bedrooms \$259,000  
Gadsby & Associates, Evelyn Hill 748-5300 SUNDAY 1-3
- 3976 RHODA, Lincoln Hills 3bd/1ba, cozy brkfst rm, fml dng \$259,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Joan Allford 644-5455
- 842-842A WALKER, Grand Lake 2 units, 2bd w/frpl w/1+1/2 \$259,000  
Owner 834-8768 SUNDAY 10-5 & MONDAY 10-5
- 9475 SKYLINE, Montclair 3bd/2ba next door to parkland, view \$259,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, B. Randall 869-4242
- 3979 FAIRWAY AVE, Oak Knoll 4bd/2 1/2ba whardwoods \$259,000  
National Real Estate Service, Charles Rivers 482-2380
- 4509 MORAGA, Piedmont Ave cozy 3bd/2ba w/a peak of the \$259,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, C. Wilson 869-4222
- 4323 LEACH AVE, Glenview 2bd/1+ba, Spanish, charm, better \$259,000  
Better Homes, Maria/Randa 339-8400
- 331 CLIFTON ST, Move right in! New furnace, water heater \$259,000  
Templeton Company, Gini Erick 652-2133 X133 SUNDAY 2-4
- 4284 ATLAS AV, Charm, 3bd/updtd bath, upgraded kit, indpt \$259,000  
Wells & Bennett, Diane Earl McCan 531-7000
- 119 SAMARIA LN, Contemporary end unit twrmh, 2 mstr stas \$259,000  
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174
- 4454 ANDERSON, 3bd/2ba ranch, lovely v/d patio, w/air-nd \$259,000  
Wells & Bennett, Christine Christensen 531-7000
- 641 CAVOUR, Rockridge 2bd/1ba neo-classic, pantry, frnt \$259,000  
Better Homes, M. J. McConville 287-9583
- 3033 SYLVAN AVE, Laurel bungalow, 3/2 w/frm fr, frpl, hwdws \$259,000  
Coldwell Banker, Victor Fierro 339-1174
- 137 THOUSAND OAKS, Sequoyah Hills 3bd/2+ba twrmh, pvt \$259,000  
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460
- 4120 39TH AVE, Redwood Hts 3bd/2ba, bay views, value \$259,000  
Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400
- 9040 SAGE RD, Sequoia 2bd/1ba perfect starter, country \$259,000  
Better Homes, Rachel Baller 530-3860
- 3829 RANDOLPH AVE, 1912 br shingle, front porch, big \$259,000  
Wells & Bennett, Joy Brynner 531-7000
- 148 SAMARIA LN, Townhome w/lv mstr ste, 2bd/2ba, view \$259,000  
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174
- 3050 CALIFORNIA ST, Laurel 2bd/1 1/2ba w/remod kit, landscp \$259,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Mary McNeill 256-4233
- 4018 LOMA VISTA, Laurel 3bd/1 1/2ba lv hse, 36 yrs old, 2-car \$259,000  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Ringo Liu 287-5849
- 4443 STEELE, Laurel cute 2+bd, English charm, new listing \$259,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, L. Clarke 869-4210
- 4471 TULIP, Laurel 3bd/2 1/2ba w/office, family room, yard \$259,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, H. Manor 869-4227
- 525 MANDANA BL #403, 2+bd/2ba penthouse, pano vws \$259,000  
Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-0400
- 307 JAYNE, Adams Pt, charming 2bd/1 1/2ba, multiple-zoned \$259,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, B. Sereda 869-4258
- 4833 BROOKDALE, 3bd/1ba, over 2000 sq ft of bright & airy \$259,000  
Winters Realty, Ronda 769-1606 SUNDAY 2-4
- 6417 SUNNYMERE, Millmont updt, roomy 4bd/2ba, move \$259,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202
- 2536 POTOMAC, Just listed, spacious & bright 2bd/1ba \$259,000  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Joan Simmons 287-2515
- 4002 PATTERSON, Laurel, lv listing, 3bd/1ba, bay vdw, \$259,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, J. Resor 869-4243
- 4411 TOMPKINS, Upr High 2bd/1ba, move in condition, pvt \$259,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, A. Ng 869-4238
- 4425 ARCADIA, Oakmore, 2bd/1ba, great location, landscp \$259,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, K. Crandall 869-4214
- 5516 VICENTE WAY, at Claremont, spacious 2bd craftsman \$259,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900 Nancy Lehnkind 644-5488
- 3945 MIDVALE, Laurel, just listed, cute 2bd/1ba w/great \$259,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202
- 3886 MAYBELLE, 3bd/1ba, \$reduced! sparkling, charming \$259,000  
College Avenue RE, Steve 845-8008 OWNER CAN FINANCE
- 3901 35TH AVE, Laurel bright, cheery 3bd/2ba, new pvt \$259,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, D. Henson 845-5761
- 4133 MAYBELLE, Laurel, grt setting & unbelievable charm \$259,000  
Mason-McDuffie, Helen Chin 834-2010

To place a listing in the Open Home  
Guide, please call 339-4046.

DEADLINE: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.



# Paying on top of tax changes often the only way to tax savings

Oram  
tax rates are now avail-  
the various City and  
departments. For property  
Berkeley, value-based  
"voterm" tax), are going  
12 percent.  
of the \$158 million  
issue that was passed  
is included in the ad-  
portion of your taxes.  
school and library taxes that  
the square footage of a  
property have increased by a  
44 percent. Here is an item-  
ized review of the effect that the  
review will have on your tax bill.  
Berkeley tax. This is the tax  
the County's assess-  
the value of your property.  
the statewide tax rate that was  
by Proposition 13 is 1  
of your assessed value.  
this are the spending mea-  
sures. These voter approved  
measures have added another .2263 to  
the tax rate for 1995-96.  
the County increases  
by two percent each year.  
Proposition 13 establishes this  
increase. The ad valorem tax  
for 1994-95 was 1.1207 per-

cent; for 1995-96 it is 1.2263. So for  
1995-96, your assessed value and  
the tax rate have both increased.

Much of the increase in the tax  
rate is attributed to the School Bond  
issue that was passed a few years  
ago.

**Fixed Charges and Special Assessments** per building square foot-  
age. These charges are listed on the  
middle right half of your tax bill.  
Some of these charges are based on  
the square footage of our building—  
city street lighting, city landscaping  
and parks, city library service, Ber-  
keley school tax, and underground-  
ing utilities. Two of the square foot-  
age rates were increased for 1995-96.

The charge for undergrounding  
utilities is also based on the square  
footage of your building and varies  
by district. There are eleven districts  
in Berkeley where the utilities are  
being put underground. You are  
probably already aware if your prop-  
erty is in one of these districts.

The charge runs between .01 up  
to .0429 per square foot. For a 1,000  
square foot building, the charge can  
be anywhere from \$10 to \$42.90,  
depending on the district location.

**Per unit taxes.** Some taxes are

based on the number of living units  
on the property. These charges in-  
clude City sewer service, Mosquito  
abatement, CSA (County Service  
Area) paramedic, CSA vector con-  
trol, CSA lead abatement, and  
EBMUD wet weather.

For 1995-96, the charge per unit  
was increased for mosquito abate-  
ment and vector control. Mosquito  
abatement for 2-4 units is \$3.08; for  
5+ is \$7.70. This is a reduction in the  
charges of \$1.68, \$3.34, and \$9.34,  
respectively, for 1994-95. This is the  
only reduction that I have found for  
1995-96.

In years past the East Bay Parks  
Lighting and Landscaping District  
charge was a flat \$5.44 per property.  
For 1995-96, the cost has been in-  
creased for larger multiple unit build-  
ings.

**Flat fee taxes.** If your property is  
in the fire zone, most in the north-  
east portion of Berkeley, there is a  
flat charge of \$50.00. This charge is  
unchanged from 1994-95.

The charge for **Refuse Collec-  
tion** is based on the location of your  
property, the size of your refuse con-  
tainers, and the frequency of pick-  
up. There is a 3 percent increase in  
refuse collection charges across the

board for 1995-96, so your best esti-  
mate would be to take the charge  
from your 1994-95 tax bill and mul-  
tiply it by 1.03 to arrive at your  
expected charge for 1995-96.

The charges for **Clean Storm  
Water** and for the **Seismic Improve-  
ments** for EBMUD are based on the  
size of your lot. The seismic im-  
provement charge is new on the 1995-  
96 tax bills. The rate is \$9.34 per  
quarter acre in lot size.

To compute the clean storm wa-  
ter charge, the lot square feet is mul-  
tiplied by a run-off factor for the  
type of building on the lot. The charge  
was unchanged from 1994-95 to  
1995-96.

**What Can You Do To Reduce  
Your Property Tax Bill?**

1. File for a Homeowner's Ex-  
emption.

This is the easiest thing to do to  
reduce the size of your tax bill. Each  
homeowner exemption reduces the  
tax value of the property by \$7,000,  
thus reducing the ad valorem tax for  
1995-96 by \$85.84. If an exemption  
is already on record for your prop-  
erty, it will be listed as a credit in the  
Tax Computation Worksheet on the  
middle left of your tax bill.

You can claim one homeowner

exemption for your primary resi-  
dence in California. In order to do  
this, you must be on title for the  
property and have lived in it on the  
prior March 1 for it to apply to the  
following tax year.

If you own and live in a portion of  
a multiple unit building, such as a  
tenant-in-common, a homeowners  
exemption can be filed for each unit  
that is lived in by an owner occupant  
as his or her primary residence, up to  
the total number of living units in the  
property.

In order to add a homeowner's  
exemption for future tax years, call  
the phone number given in the lower  
right on the tax bill.

2. Appeal your assessed value.

If you purchased your property  
since 1990, it may have decreased in  
value. Check to see what other prop-  
erty in your neighborhood of similar  
size and age has sold for. If you think  
that your value has decreased sub-  
stantially, you can file an appeal of the  
assessment between July 2 and  
September 15 of any year. See the  
back of your tax bill for information  
on how to file the appeal.

3. Review your refuse collection  
service.

It will save you money if you

consolidate your refuse collection  
containers. If you are using more  
than one cart, check to see if you can  
trade the two containers in for one of  
a larger size. Recycle all that you can  
to reduce the volume of refuse you  
are putting in your containers. If you  
think that the charge is too high,  
audit the amount you are being  
charged by calling the number on  
your tax bill. You may be charged  
for the wrong size or wrong number  
of collection containers.

4. Audit the per unit charges.

In the past, the largest over-  
charges that I have identified have  
been based on errors in the number  
of units. If the tax assessor thinks  
that your property has more units  
than it actually has, some or all of the  
per unit charges will be too high.  
You can see what the effect of a  
wrong unit count would have on the  
sewer service charge. To correct one  
or more of these errors, call the phone  
number for each over-charge to the  
right of that item on the tax bill.

Most tax bills are correct, but a  
hidden error could be costing you  
money. Check your tax bill for pos-  
sible hidden errors and potential re-  
ductions.

Be an aware tax payer.

## YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES



ST. Charming 2/2 nr Emeryville. Enjoy all the comforts! \$145,000  
232-0281, Callie 525-5694 SUNDAY 1-4

ST #108, Villa Del Lago 2bd/2 condo, laundry, deck \$136,000  
Phyllis Milenbach 339-1174

200 M. Mont. affordable & spacious 2bd/1ba, plus room \$129,000  
339-9290, P. Cornford 869-4213

SON. Maxwell Park, price reduced, grt 3bd/1 1/2ba starter \$125,000  
339-8888, E. Barber 869-4204

ST #201, Gracious 1250 sf condo, great location/value \$122,500  
Joan Hauke 339-6460

EN AVE. Sunny, quiet 1bd/1ba condo, 1 1/2 block to lake \$79,000  
428-0900, Stephanie Sierra 644-5410

DO ST #102, Lovely 1/1 unit on 2 levels, lg mstr, deck \$69,000  
Realty, Tere Lee 521-3352 SUNDAY 2:30-4:30

EDA Open Sunday

RAY. Harbor Bay Isle 3bd/2 1/2ba, 5 yr old med-it style \$319,000  
Ries, Vickie Chan Case 522-3957 SUNDAY 2-4:30

LABOR. 2bd/1 1/2ba grt tradl, gourmet kit, deck, fish pond \$269,000  
Ries, Vickie Chan Case 522-3957 SATURDAY 2-4:30

LY Open Sunday

ROUTE. Special commercial property in heart of Albany \$275,000  
Realty 527-3387 X186 SUNDAY 2-4

LORE. Albany 4bd/2ba \$259,900  
Baker, Kim Cleveland 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

LOT. New listing! 2bd cottage w/charm, grt location \$208,000  
527-3387 X111 SUNDAY 2-4

LEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

MAO. Med masterpiece, 2 acres, tennis court, pool \$2,195,000  
339 Company, Jeanette Roach 339-0400

ASTON. 4bd/4ba, fab renovation on dbl lot w/frml gardens \$949,000  
428-0900, Judith Glass 644-5495

MIT. New listing! 3/3 nw constr, pano views, courtyard \$930,000  
Patty Scott 339-6460 SUNDAY 1-5

MS WAY. Pano unsurpassed SF views, new 5+bd/4ba \$775,000  
Julie, Julie Nachwey 273-9055

NTUCK. Berkeley 4+bd/3+ba \$749,000  
Realty, Jeanne McHugh 486-1495

ON WAY. Off Norfolk, light/space/color/texture! Grt room \$729,000  
Conway, Gini Erick 652-2133 X133 SUNDAY 2-4

OR. New price! 4bd/5+ba, study, fam rm, pool, views! \$725,000  
Company, Trish McEneaney 652-2133 X125 SUNDAY 2-4

REBEL ST. 5bd/3b tudor w/lg rooms, sunny gardens, detail \$650,000  
Company, Jack McPhail 652-2133 X135 SUNDAY 2-4

MINO REAL. Stunning 4bd/2+ba contemp, rumpus, loft \$629,000  
Realty, Ruth Lockhart 339-1174

WATT. Chic nw construction 4+bd/3 1/2ba, views \$599,950  
Julie, Julie Nachwey 273-9055

TA BARBARA RD. Striking 5/4+ med, huge in-law, decks \$590,000  
Realty, Alice McLeish 526-1101

TE RD. New 4/2+ English, vw, cook's kit, gdn w/creek \$579,000  
Company, Kathleen Callahan 339-0400

ADO RD. 4+bd/2b, remod kit, den, gorgeous gdn, views \$499,000  
Realty, Donna Costella 339-6460

ACE. 4bd/2 1/2ba immaculate tradl, stylish/bright/spacious \$399,000  
Realty, Ellen Soriano 845-6021 SUNDAY 2-4

EA VISTA. 3bd/2ba contemp w/au pair, decks, lg yd, vw \$398,000  
Realty, Darrin Tinsley 834-2010

ESTON RD. Unique opportunity, best quality, 4bd/3ba \$395,000  
Realty, 525-1342 SUNDAY 1:30-4 Nw custom w/cath ceilings, chef's kit

MINO REAL. Excellent value! 4b/2 1/2ba, solarium, garden \$395,000  
Company, Paul Templeton 652-2133 X131 SUNDAY 2-4

BOOK RD. 3bd/2ba w/hills & canyon view, nice lot, quiet \$369,000  
Realty 834-2010, Dianne Campbell 530-0596

CHAMIC. Great views, privacy, 2bd/den, walk UC & trails \$345,000  
Realty for Sale by Owner 415-435-0516 SUNDAY 1-5

ALAMEDA. Thousand Oaks 5bd/2ba large, sunny, grt area \$325,000  
Realty, Nick Lavrov 525-2727

LA. 3bd/1ba \$319,000  
Realty, Jerry Long 486-1495

ANGELES. Incredible price! Spacious 3+2 near Solano \$298,000  
Realty 527-3387 X125 SUNDAY 2-4

STRANO. 2bd/1ba, gorgeous & sunny, walk to Solano \$289,000  
Realty, Colleen Larkin 848-1950 X240 SUNDAY 2-4

NEW listing! Beautiful 2+bd/2ba brown shingle \$279,000  
Realty 527-3387 X109 SUNDAY 1:30-4:30

534 COLUSA, 3bd/1ba \$274,900  
Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495

677 NEILSON. New listing, light & lovely 2+bd/1ba, old world charm \$267,000  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 SUNDAY 2-4

2247 ASHBY AV. Spacious 3bd/1 1/2ba updated, large sunny garden \$249,900  
Templeton Company, Ron Eggherman 652-2133

2140 SPAULDING. Don't miss! 2/2 updated, adorable, ready to sell \$210,000  
Marvin Gardens, Carole Berger 549-3441 SUNDAY 2-4

2128 OREGON. Beautiful, charming 2bd/1ba \$210,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290/339-6511, D. Kelley 869-4259

2415 5TH. Berkeley 1bd/1ba \$179,000  
Coldwell Banker, Nacio Brown 486-1495

2901 HILLEGASS, 1bd/1ba \$175,000  
Coldwell Banker, Heidi Long 486-1495

3017 COLLEGE. #1, Appealing condo, grt neighborhood, good bldg \$139,000  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X122 SUNDAY 2-4

CASTRO VALLEY Open Sunday

4256 CIRCLE AVE. 3bd/2 1/2ba level house w/large rumpus rm \$275,000  
Acorn Realty, Agent 582-7074 SUNDAY 2-4:30 2442 sq ft hm on lg lv lot

EL CERRITO Open Sunday

1910 DOWNEY PL. Meadows Built 3/3 vw home w/family room \$329,000  
Locators RE 232-0281 Franca Tallero 237-0372 SUNDAY 1-4 rumpus w/wet bar

2608 MONTA VISTA AVE. Gorgeous 4bd/2 1/2ba, views, pvt garden \$298,000  
Templeton Company, Ron Eggherman 652-2133 SUNDAY 2-4:30

7440 POTRETO AVE. Move in condition, 3bd + in-law, views \$285,000  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X104 SUNDAY 2-4

1366 BREWSTER. Best location, excellent buy, 3+2+, in-law \$279,000  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X125 SUNDAY 2-4

755 POMONA AVE. Remodeled 3/2 charmer w/frml DR, lg kitchen \$274,900  
Locators RE 232-0281 Sil Addiego 526-5746 SUNDAY 1-4 Dbl gar/corner lot

7447 POTRETO AVE. Superb 3bd/2ba hill home w/lg family room \$259,000  
Locators RE 232-0281, George Oyama 525-5784 SUNDAY 1-4 Grt Bay vw

7202 A STREET. Large sunny 4bd/2 1/2ba on cul-de-sac nr Plaza \$259,000  
Better Homes, Nick Lavrov 525-2727 SATURDAY 1-4

6527 MORRIS AVE. New listing, 3+bd/2ba, frml DR, landscpd yd \$235,000  
Security Pacific, Geri Stern 234-7808 SUNDAY 2-4

1524 NORVELL. New floor plan, remod throughout! 3bd/2ba \$205,000  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X174 SUNDAY 2-4

6417 ALTA VISTA. Serene hill setting, 2bd, immaculate condition \$189,000  
Marvin Gardens, Diane Mintz 527-1400 SUNDAY 2-4

HERCULES Open Sunday

102 WHALER CIRCLE. 2/2 end unit, grt hill view, price reduced \$113,950  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X106 SUNDAY 2-4

KENSINGTON Open Sunday

695 WELLESLEY. Large 4bd/3ba family home, frpl, hdwds \$375,000  
Better Homes, Nick Lavrov 525-2727 SUNDAY 1:30-4:30

297 PURDUE. New listing! 2bd/1ba, painted in/out-refinished \$235,000  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X201 SUNDAY 2-4

PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

24 CAPERTON AV. 5bd/4ba, 1st open! magnificent craftsmanship \$1,225,000  
Pacific Union, Georgia Cornell 339-6460

265 SEA VIEW. Best location, 5bd/3ba, rumpus, large lv yard \$1,095,000  
Pacific Union, Joan Daniel 339-6460

11 SCENIC AVE. Elegance abounds, 3 story tradl, landscaped \$998,500  
The GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400

156 DRACENA AV. Spac living/frml dining, solarium, 6bd w/au pair \$995,000  
The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400

1726 OKLAND AVE. Try lease option. Grt value, legal 1bd apt \$850,000  
The GRUBB Company, Sandra Vogt 339-0400

312 ST JAMES DR. Gracious 4+bd/4ba tudor, fam rm, cook's kitchen \$849,000  
The GRUBB Company, Connie Rogers 339-0400

58 WILDWOOD GARDENS. 4+bd/3ba lovely spacious tradl, gardens \$825,000  
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460

33 SOLETO AVE. Classic 3bd/4 1/2ba CA ranch, gardens, pvt patio \$759,000  
Coldwell Banker, Norm Robinow 339-1174

9 PALA AVE. 4bd/2 1/2ba wonderful traditional, walk to schools \$599,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Cindy Fleming 644-5446

101 DALE AVE. 3bd/2+ba, reduced! 2-story, newer kit, lg yd & deck \$565,000  
Pacific Union, Francis Heath 339-6460

10 HARDWICK AVE. Move in today! 3bd tradl, center of town \$528,500  
The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-1174

337 EL CERRITO. 4bd/3ba w/character! Reduced \$50K \$525,000  
Mason-McDuffie, Claire Cunningham 428-0900

100 ESTATES. 3bd/2ba in A-1 condition! bay vw, price reduced \$499,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, R. Marshall 655-6165

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## Make plans for Berkeley's 'Holiday Open Studios'

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The participating artisans and craftspeople will show functional and decorative ceramics, art furniture, blown glass, sculpture, dolls, jewelry, various textiles, wearable

art, paintings, original prints, limited edition artists' books and other works on paper.

Admission to the studios is free. An artisan map is available for a self addressed stamped envelope sent to: Artisans' Map, 1250 Addison St., #214, Berkeley, CA 94702. The maps can also be picked up at the same address. For more information, contact Susan Brooks or Carol Lee Shanks, 845-2612.

### Exclusive New Listing!



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## Events...

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A free **First-Time Home Buyer Seminar**, sponsored by Red Oak Realty and Mortgage Network, is held every first and third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Find out about first-time home buyer programs, get tips from a Realtor on how to make an offer, negotiate the best deal, home inspections and more. Receive a free loan pre-qualification and a listing of homes for sale in your price range. Reservations required. Call Russell Doi at 526-6554.

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**Le Tip International**, an organization of independent business people devoted to exchanging business leads and helping other members, meets Wednesdays at 7:15 a.m. Guests welcome. Call Lisa Schliff at 236-3002.

For inclusion in Events, send information to **Dennis Evanosky**, Real Estate, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047; Fax: 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

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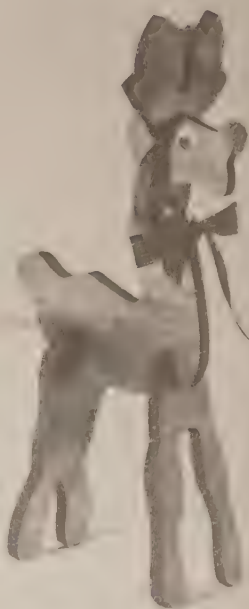
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### HOMES OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30

#### PIEDMONT

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| 24 CAPERTON AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 5BD/4BA.....\$1,225,000<br>First open! Central Piedmont, magnificent craftsmanship, Georgia Cornell | 58 WILDWOOD GARDENS, PIEDMONT - 4BD/2BA.....\$1,200,000<br>Lovely traditional w/spacious rooms & spending |
| 265 SEA VIEW, PIEDMONT - 5BD/3BA.....\$1,095,000<br>Best location, dramatic rooms, rumpus, large level yard. Joan Daniel           | 101 DALE AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 3BD/2BA.....\$850,000<br>Reduced! Two-story traditional, large yard & garage  |
| 48 CREST ROAD, PIEDMONT - 2BD/2BA.....\$489,000<br>Level gem, 1/4 acre sylvan lot on great street, 3 frps. Roselle Woods           |   |

#### BERKELEY

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| 32 GRAVATT DRIVE, BERKELEY - 3BD/3BA (OPEN 1-5).....\$930,000<br>New listing! Glamorous new const, pano views, courtyard. Patty Scott | 775 ALVARADO ROAD, BERKELEY - 4+BD/2BA.....\$1,200,000<br>Bay & hill views, remodeled kit, den, gorgeous garage |
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#### OAKLAND

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| 139 SHERIDAN ROAD, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 4BD/3BA.....\$775,000<br>Gated mini-estate, beautiful craftsmanship, huge lot. Sandi Klemmer    | 3135 HOLYROOD DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 5BD/3BA.....\$1,200,000<br>Move-in condition! SF bay view, rec rm, patio, back yard    |
| 919 LARKSPUR RD, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 4+BD/3BA.....\$549,000<br>Cul-de-sac in best location! Spacious & lovely, family rm. Dick Cohen | 4021 GREENWOOD, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 4BD/3BA.....\$1,200,000<br>1911 classic craftsman, remodeled w/bathtubs, large yard |
| 51 BAY FOREST DRIVE, NORTH HILLS - 4BD/2+BA.....\$499,500<br>Quality new const, bay view, designer kitchen, fam rm. Donna DeBard     | 4335 SEQUOYAH ROAD, SEQUOYAH HTS - 4BD/3BA.....\$1,200,000<br>Large Medit on private 1/3+ acre, rumpus rm, hwd fls      |
| 6117 ASCOT DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 5BD/3BA.....\$499,000<br>Beautifully decorated contemp, dramatic bay views, decks. Thomas Wurst        | 1710 ARROWHEAD DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$850,000<br>Wonderful privacy, beam ceilings, parquet fls                |
| 6020 CASTLE DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2+BA.....\$439,000<br>Pied Pines! Beaut bay views, fam rm, decks, level yard. Vicki Woodhead      | 137 THOUSAND OAKS, SEQUOYAH HTS - 3BD/2BA.....\$850,000<br>Just listed! Fabulous SF/IGG view, low to hgt                |
| 6045 CONTRA COSTA RD, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 4BD/3BA.....\$429,500<br>Quality remodel, pano views, au pair, new landscaping. Dee Knowland | 525 MANDANA BLVD, #403 GRAND LAKE - 2BD/2BA.....\$429,500<br>Penthouse, pano views, new kitchen, wrap-around deck       |
| 6645 HEARTWOOD DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/2+BA.....\$407,000<br>Fabulous bay views, all level inside/out, master suite. Nancy Chew       | 811 YORK ST, #201, LAKESHORE - 3BD/2BA.....\$850,000<br>Gracious 1250 sq ft condo, great! n. great view                 |

### BY APPOINTMENT

#### PIEDMONT

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| PIEDMONT LANDMARK.....\$3,300,000<br>Designed by Julia Morgan! Lovingly restored and situated on a beautifully landscaped 1.4 acres. Helen Danhaki 547-5750                         | PIEDMONT - NEW LISTING!<br>Priced for immediate sale! Lovely Mediterranean style home with family kitchen, 5BD/3BA, au pair, play room           |
| ALBERT FARR DESIGN - PIEDMONT.....\$2,450,000<br>Magnificent estate! 5BD/4+BA, chef's kitchen, family rm, library, rumpus, elevator, pool, beautiful park-like grounds. Joan Daniel | WILDWOOD GARDENS - PIEDMONT.....\$1,200,000<br>Lovely traditional with view, spacious rooms, mature gardens. 5BD/3BA, au pair, play room         |
| HANDSOME PIEDMONT OFFERING.....\$1,795,000<br>Designed for the active family & elegant entertaining. 5BD/4.5BA, au pair, library, fam rm, rec rm. Sally Morrison/Dee Dee Bonham     | IMPECCABLE PIEDMONT HOME.....\$1,200,000<br>This updated, beautifully decorated home has a large rumpus with access to level yard. Helen Danhaki |
| PRIME LOCATION - PIEDMONT.....\$499,900<br>Move-in condition! 3BD/1.5BA, family room off kitchen, level-out to patio and lawn, great for entertaining. Debi Fitzgerald              |  |

#### OAKLAND

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| ELEGANT SPACIOUS CONTEMPORARY.....\$549,500<br>Possible lease option! 5,00 sq ft home on quiet cul-de-sac 4+BD/4+BA, mst suite w/frpl, gourmet kit/fam rm. Chuck Corwin     | QUALITY CONSTRUCTION - MONTCLAIR.....\$1,200,000<br>Reduced! 4-year old contemp in a prime location! Architectural details, 4BD/3BA, family room, wrap-around deck |
| BEST CROCKER LOCATION.....\$409,000<br>Beautifully renovated! 3BD/2+BA, large master suite, dining rm with charming built-ins, den, family rm with frpl. Georgia Cornell    | FABULOUS MONTCLAIR LOCATION.....\$1,200,000<br>Piedmont side! Level-in, spacious 5BD/3BA with wrap-around deck down to 2BD/1BA. Gleaming hwd fls, eat-in kitchen   |
| CUSTOM NEW CONSTRUCTION.....\$379,500<br>Dramatic 2-story living room, 3BD/2+BA, great kit, master suite, family rm, rear deck overlooks landscaped yard. Chuck Corwin      | NOT YOUR USUAL TRI-PLEX.....\$850,000<br>Two 1BD/1BA units plus one 3BD/1BA unit with private entrance, entire top floor with remodeled kit, formal DR, play room  |
| WALK TO MONTCLAIR VILLAGE.....\$379,000<br>Architect remodeled contemp. 4BD/3BA, au pair, hwd fls & slate floors, skylights, lovely patio and terraced yard. Vicki Woodhead | LOVINGLY RESTORED - GLENVIEW.....\$850,000<br>Charming & unique split level on cul-de-sac with separate entrance, bay windows, large yard                          |
| ARCHITECT DESIGN - MONTCLAIR.....\$369,000<br>Piedmont side! Contemp with complete privacy. 3BD/2+BA, den, patio, south bay view, 2-car garage. Dee Dee Bonham              | UNIQUE MONTCLAIR HOME.....\$1,200,000<br>Exciting "great room" concept in a wonderful location! 3BD/2+BA, remodeled kitchen, walk to the park                      |
| LIGHT FILLED MEDITERRANEAN.....\$362,000<br>Spacious 3+BD/2+BA split level. Inviting living room, hwd floors, formal DR, family rm opens to private garden. Brooks Anderson | ROCKRIDGE BROWN SHINGLE.....\$1,200,000<br>Exceptional! Original wood detailing, 3BD/2+BA, remodeled kitchen, stone frpl, landscaped yard                          |
| DYNAMIC MONTCLAIR CONTEMPORARY.....\$349,500<br>Huge level-in home with private patio & spa. 4BD/3BA including two master suites, family room and bonus room. Chuck Corwin  | REDWOOD HEIGHTS.....\$850,000<br>Well kept ranch located on a cul-de-sac with private driveway, kitchen, new landscaping, spacious floor plan                      |
| STORYBOOK COLONIAL.....\$339,000<br>Surrounded by a white picket fence, this beautiful home features 3+BD/3BA & fabulous country kit. Sandi Klemmer/Dick Cohen              | CHARMING, LIGHT AND AIRY.....\$850,000<br>Split level with great floor plan. 2BD/1+BA, au pair, play room opens to back yard and lovely garden                     |

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| 156 DRACENA AVENUE.....\$995,000<br>Spacious living & frml dining, solarium. Family rm w/frpl. Mstr ste. w/city views. 6 bedrms w/au pair. KAREN STARR | 10 HARDWICK AVENUE.....\$528,500<br>Move in today! Gorgeous 3 bedroom traditional. Center of town. Wonderful indoor/outdoor living. SHEILA GALLAGHER                                 |
| 1726 OAKLAND AVENUE.....\$850,000<br>Try a lease option. Gorgeous home with legal one bedroom apartment. Spacious rooms. Walk to school. SANDRA VOGL   | 80 ARROYO AVENUE.....\$379,500<br>Wonderful traditional. Walk to Dracena Park. Gorgeous new kitchen. 7% fixed seller financing. DONALD GRUBB JR                                      |

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| 6101 MAZUELA DRIVE.....\$929,000<br>Magnificent new home with traditional flair. Panoramic view. Lavish use of marble and granite throughout. ED KUO            | 400 ELYSIAN FIELDS DRIVE.....\$375,000<br>Spacious, custom built level home with 4+ bedrms/3.5 baths. Formal dining/living + rumpus rm. Secluded. HELEN BUTY           |
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| 5630 BACON ROAD.....\$645,000<br>Almost 1.5 acres. Private serene setting. Dance room. Pool. Zoned for horses. Room for tennis. HELEN BUTY                      | 5850 BROADWAY.....\$319,000<br>Prime Rockridge location with open floor plan and large light-filled rooms. Large level corner lot. JUDY RANKANKAN                      |
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# International Auto Show

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November 21 - 27

## 1995 To Be The Largest and The Most Diversified International Auto Show

38th annual International Auto Show, set for November 21-27, at San Francisco's Moscone Convention Center,

will be the largest and most diversified auto exposition ever held in northern California.

The 1995 show will feature all the major manufacturers that sell their products in California displaying their steel and chrome creations in 600,000 sq. ft. of exhibition space.

Nearly 40 manufacturers will show their 1996 models with over 600 cars and trucks on display. The exposition will utilize all five of the exhibition

halls at Moscone Center making it the second largest auto show in the western United States. With 350,000 spectators expected to attend this year's event it continues to be the largest show of any kind held in northern California.

In addition to the '96 models the International Auto Show offers something for every family member and auto enthusiast. The show will provide a glimpse into the future with prototypes and alterna-

tive fuel vehicles, simulators, European exotic muscle cars, and an expanded auto accessory booth areas.

If you are thinking about buying a new car in the next 12 months the Auto Show provides the perfect opportunity to compare all the models, makes and prices under one roof.

The Bay Area event is sponsored by San Francisco International Auto Show, Inc. and supported by the

California Motor Car Dealers Association. Considered the premier exhibition of any type regionally, it is one of 15 major auto shows held around the world and the only auto show held locally that lures top displays from the world's manufacturers.

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**WHEN:**  
Tuesday, November 21 through Monday, November 27. Show hours are: 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Monday, November 27 hours are 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**WHERE:**  
San Francisco's Moscone Convention Center located between 3rd and 4th Streets on Howard Street. Exhibits in Halls A, B, C, D, and E.

**ADMISSION:**  
Admission is \$6.00. Children 12 years and under are free of charge. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

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### Oldsmobile Display Bravada Antares

The Oldsmobile 38th annual International Auto Show promises to be one of the most innovative and exciting plays ever.

The Auto Show will feature a long line of concept cars from the Bay Area debut of the 1996 Bravada and the Antares.

The Bravada is a 4.3-liter V6, 200-horsepower, fully-equipped utility vehicle. It combines the versatility of a premium sedan with the utility of a truck. Bravada also features a combination of full-time four-wheel-drive, four-wheel steering, a locking rear differential, and a combination of air conditioning for safe acceleration and braking. The Bravada is designed to catch the eye of the sport utility truck buyer who wants a vehicle that looks like a truck but is yet refined.

The Antares is the Oldsmobile concept vehicle that features exciting design, customer oriented engineering, and new technologies. At the New York and Detroit Auto Shows, the Antares caught the tradition of its predecessor, the Aurora. This four-door car combines a striking exterior with an interior designed for maximum space utilizing new materials and technologies. The Antares also contains a "GUIDESTAR" navigation system which uses onboard computer dead reckoning and satellite technology to direct the driver by turn, to a specified location.

### Maserati Boomerang Star

The Maserati Boomerang is one of the most spectacular vehicles ever designed. It is one of the star attractions of the 38th annual International Auto Show.

Designed by Ital Design and Giorgetto Giugiaro, the Boomerang was first presented as a model at the Motor Show in 1971. At the Geneva Auto Show, it was unveiled as a full-scale prototype.

The Boomerang is a concept car which uses a combination of radical shapes. The result is a drawn sports car with a slant of the windshield toward one point.

The interior has been designed with a premium feel. The main problem that designers concerned about was the column in head collisions. Driver injuries are reduced by doubling the column and connecting it to the chain. This solution is a benefit of providing the center of the instrument cluster of the steering wheel.

The Maserati Boomerang has a 4-cylinder, 4700 cc engine providing 310 horsepower at 5500 rpm. The engine provides performance even at high speeds.



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## NOVEMBER 21 - 27

### Ghia Exhibit

Italy's oldest and most-legendary coachbuilder, will be the subject of a five-car special exhibit at the 38th annual International Auto Show.

The Behring Auto Museum in Danville is loaning five twenty-car Ghia collection to the show for display.

The exhibit will feature single examples of one-off cars and 1960s concept cars designed by Carrozzeria Ghia, the firm that became one of the world's most creative and most design centers.

In the display will be:

1953 Chrysler d'Elegance coupe considered the best one-off special in the world and the model for the timely well-known Karmann-Ghia.

1953 Chrysler Special, a production coupe powered by a Chrysler hemi V-8. The Special was only 55" long and 214" long, with a wheelbase.

1953 Fiat 8-V, supersonic, a 110 horsepower two-door with a Ghia-designed "bat" body that gives the appearance of a much larger car. Approximately 50 were made, which belonged to movie star John Turner.

DeSoto Adventurer II by Ghia inspired by a tubed Corvair-Alfa built by the 1953 Mille Miglia. The car was purchased by the agency in Casablanca to the King of Morocco. It fell in the hands of a U.S. who brought the vehicle to Ohio.

1956 Ghia - Gilda dramatic Coupe which was the famous film of the same name starring Rita Hayworth. The Gilda body shape had to have been "modeled in wind." Tested and refined in wind-tunnel, the Gilda was fitted with an engine or train yet attracted large wherever it was shown.

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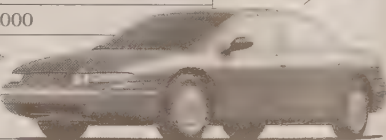
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**403 Salon Opportunities**

PIEDMONT Ave., private room, established upscale salon, \$575 Also hairstyling station fully equipped, \$350 943-6637

HAIR/STYLING needed for Berkeley salon. Call 486-1919 for appointment

COSMETICIAN/Cosmetologist wanted for busy facial and waxing salon in Berkeley Will train \$47-8788

HAIR/STYLING needed Low rent/high commission College Ave., Oakland 652-5454

**405 Employment Exchange**

PIEDMONT free rent/ utilities In exchange child-care 2 Asian children 11 and 12, 2 hours daily, 5 evenings monthly Car, driver's license needed Non-smoking 658-4948

**406 Employment Wanted**

BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work Career Center 548-5627

MANAGER. Big-time experience inside sales/estimation, wholesaler/retail. Significant experience sales/offer production, operating small business, employee supervision. Scrupulous. Have paid dues. Huge dollars less important than quality of opportunity to run shop. Don 510-465-6661

CENTRAL American refugees seek employment in housecleaning, gardening, child care, painting, moving. Skilled and reliable 533-1119

RETIRED social worker, part-time position. Computer, health aide, housekeeping, plants, people specialist. Charlotte, 893-2122

**408 Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted**

AU PAIR for senior citizen. Car, references required. Compassionate, understanding. Room/board/salary. Oakland, 272-0733.

PART-TIME driver job open for mature, caring person with clean DMV. 652-5102.

**409 Childcare Wanted**

NANNY jobs: Mothers-In-Deed has immediate openings in East Bay. Full-time and part-time, top salaries. (415)461-7755.

CHILD-CARE 2 energetic, adorable preschoolers in Crocker. Monday - Wednesday, Thursday 11:30-5 Car, non-smoking, English speaking. references required. 836-1051

CAREGIVER, experience mandatory. Lifting required, must drive. Special needs 8 year old Central Pkwy. City. Weekdays, part-time. Ref. req. Excellent salary. Call 833-2273. Be in Our Care Agency.

EXPERIENCED, loving caregiver for 2 toddlers in our Oakland/Crocker Highlands home. Full-time, \$300-6478

CHILD-CARE needed for 2 year old, after school for 7, 9 year old. North Berkeley. Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:30-6, Thursday 9-6. Non-smoking, must drive, English speaking. references required. 527-5832.

AU PAIR live-in. Montclair, 2 kids. Room, board, salary, car. CDL, excellent English, nonsmoking 510-654-8482

PART-TIME childcare for girl 2 1/2, Rockridge Weekdays 4:30-7 p.m. Pickup from daycare, light housework. CDL, car, insurance, nonsmoking. English speaking required. Also Christmas Weeks, need full day childcare, 7:30-5:30 p.m. December 18-22 and 27-29 547-5710, evenings before 9 p.m.

NANNY sought for infant full-time, and after school care for 5 and 6 year old. Monday-Friday 8:30-6 Must have car and references. Salary negotiable. 523-8342 Evenings and Weekends

AU PAIR, Piedmont, live-in, room, board, car, salary. Must drive. References and experience required. 510-444-7620

NANNIES Many jobs, full-time, part-time, live-in, live-out. No fees. Moma Agency, 559-9195; 803-1040

**410 Shared Childcare**

TODDLER close in Age to 21 month old girl wanted to share enthusiastic, experienced nanny near Claremont Hill. 841-1777.

**411 Childcare - Licensed**

CHILD-CARE, Skyline area, 21 months-up. Out-side activities, lunch. Unique environment, Montross trained. 530-6630 #01026795

**412 Babysitting Offered**

MOTHER of 10 month old girl, seeks full-time position, caring for two children from 18 months old. Share okay. CPR certified. CDL and safe automobile. Call Diane, 530-9129

**413 Home Health Care Offered**

The following people would like to be hired as Home Health Care Providers. If you are looking for a job as a Home Health Care Provider, please see Categories 401 and 408

**ABLE CARE INC.**

Personal, quality 24 hour live-in care and companionship for the elderly and handicapped in the comfort and security of your own home. Bonded and Insured 510-685-4704

EXPERIENCED, licensed elderly care provider available for complete in home health care. Call Nita: 271-0645

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Bonded, quality home care includes personal care, housekeeping, companionship. Call Karen, 524-9076

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**502 Business Opportunities & Services**

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Interested in Acquiring Northern California Manufacturing or Distribution business with a potential for growth. The ideal business should require capital, marketing management and a unique product position.

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**MOTHER EARTH WANTS YOU!**

Fight pollution and make money. Full or part-time. 510-527-8672

**AREA MILLIONAIRE**

Needs five people who want to make some serious money. For an interview call 415-564-8953

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STOVE, GE electric with warranties, brand new \$450 or best offer 428-1581

MAYTAG washer, Whirlpool dryer, excellent condition, \$350 or best offer 526-3476

REFRIGERATOR. Admiral, 18 cubic feet. Almost new \$195. 339-3609

**603 Garage & Estate Sales****GARAGE SALE ADS?**

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**605 Home Furnishings**

**15th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL**  
Buy 2 or more custom mini-blinds this year and we will clean them free of charge next year. Call Marsh Interiors at 569-7540 for details

MATTRESS Sets Twin, \$89 Full, \$109 Queen, \$159 Sofa-bed, \$299 Sofa with loveseat, \$399 Bunkbeds, \$228. Chest-dressers, bedroom sets, roll-aways, Simmons, Sealy, Restonic 444-1990

SOFA, loveseat, matching chair. Three months old. From condo display. Cost \$1195 sell \$395. 865-8127

DINING room set-1920's dark wood, table, chairs, buffet and china cabinet \$850/ offer 834-2467

QUALITY dark oak dining set 48" round plus 2 leaves, 4 Windsor chairs (including 2 armchairs). Excellent condition \$850 268-8054

SOFA, two piece sectional, each six foot off-white, very good condition, \$175. Mr. Jake's Hip Thigh Master 600 652-4710

KITCHEN set 4 high back chairs, simulated wood Formica table \$233-7182

ANTIQUE oak bedroom set, Full bed, bureau with mirror, wash-stand, side table \$1900 527-3239

LARGE L-shaped couch, white texture fabric, perfect condition, \$650. Chairs, dining room table, reasonably priced. Moving must sell 531-0506

**606 Miscellaneous For Sale**

SEASONED almond firewood, \$195/cord, oak, \$245. Free delivery. 635-1727 After 5 p.m. 638-1881

CUSTOM built high fidelity console, 21x28x72, exotic wood with 2 built-in speakers minus components. Dual tape deck and stereo receiver available. Best offer over \$500. Terry, 527-5895

FALL Sale: Cords \$155. Oak, Eucalyptus, Cedar, Acacia. Pine \$125. Cord Fast free delivery 633-0453

STAR multi-font printer, X3 2415, multiple features, \$250. Sale due to change to Apple 849-9592

MONTCLAIR swim club membership, \$300 or best offer. Rick, 451-8372/530-8330 (evenings)

OAKLAND Hills Tennis Club membership, available soon, price negotiable 452-1765

FIREWOOD, seasoned almond, \$195 per cord delivered 209-669-3724

**607 Miscellaneous Wanted**

WANTED-An old toy train Lionel, Marx, American Flyer. lves -547-1278

**BUYING**

Diamonds, gold jewelry, rare coins, etc. Albany Coin Exchange, 1107 Solano Ave., Albany 526-4791

**608 Musical Instruments**

HAMILTON Baldwin upright piano with bench Model 245, pecan finish. \$2500 527-4139

**609 Pets - Care & Supplies**

SMALL full training hound/jumper barn in Oakland Hills has stall available. 482-5077

LONELY gentlemen cat needs family of its own 530-6853; 841-7297

LUPE'S Happy Paws Pet Sitting Service. Walks, feeding, socializing, watering plants \$12/ hour 895-6380

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**704 Housing Wanted**

COTTAGE, studio or 1 bedroom wanted by single female, teacher in area. Have cat, need gardening space, don't smoke. Cute, quaint, small space okay. Mid-December 482-5559

BERKELEY home, December 8-28, flexible. Very responsible family coming for reunion. Price negotiable. 524-6266

SENIOR lady, quiet, clean. Voucher- \$600. Clean, trained companion dog. Will take excellent care of nice 2 bedroom home, house or duplex. Carpet, laundry, parking, yard. Nice area please. 436-0500

**706 Sublets & Short-Term Rentals**

\$350

Share 2 bedroom home, El Cerrito Hills. Quiet neighborhood, great view, dogs okay, month to month. 510-524-6848

BERKELEY, completely furnished 1 or 2 bedroom apartments. Day/week, continental breakfast. December 1st on. Tourists accepted 510-548-8708

COTTAGE sublet. North Oakland 1+ bedroom, fireplace, peaceful. December-January or longer \$650/ negotiable 658-3357

MONTCLAIR Hills, charming 2 bedroom home, spectacular wooded peaceful setting. Bay view, deck, fireplace, excellent amenities. December sublet. \$550 339-2218

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THANKSGIVING at Ridge Tahoe, 5 star resort, November 18-24, \$875 845-5448

NORTH Tahoe Dollar Point Four bedrooms, 2 baths home View, sunrises, garages Holidays 415-323-4055

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## Getting teed-off

**Ego City:** As we've mentioned here before, the Russ Coughlan Classic is a great media event, raising about \$100,000 a year to combat child abuse, thanks to help from a galaxy of local TV and radio personalities.

Now, Amy Yen, the tireless and capable person who organizes the whole thing (the Cog took place Oct. 14 at Mill Valley's Harbor Point Club) tells me she's thinking seriously about quitting — thanks largely to a handful of prima donnas in local TV. "Most of the media people who participate, like KRON's Pete Wilson, are just great," said an exasperated Yen the other day. "In fact, Pete even pays for his own \$250 ticket; he won't take a complimentary media pass."

But the boorish antics of a few local TV reporters — none of them towering talents, or even particularly big names — have Yen at the end of her rope.

We won't name these folks for obvious reasons, but some checking around with newsroom colleagues reveals no one is surprised at their behavior.

First is The Female TV Reporter, who, says Yen, "got a free \$250 media pass to play in last year's tournament. But she kept insisting her husband get a free pass, even though he doesn't work at any station. She yelled and screamed on the phone, and once hung up on me." So Yen and The Female Reporter reached an agreement — "I knocked \$100 off, so he only had to pay \$150." At least, Yen THOUGHT she had an agreement. "The day of the tournament comes, and I find out this guy had sneaked in and hadn't even paid the \$150." The Female TV Reporter was not invited back to this year's Coughlan, understandably.

Then this year it was The Male TV Reporter, who works at the same local network affiliate. "Since our tournament is to fight child abuse, I've asked this guy to

please do a story on us some time. Each year he gets a free pass, and this time he tells me, 'Don't you think that'd be a little self-serving?' Um, not really, certainly not by today's TV standards.

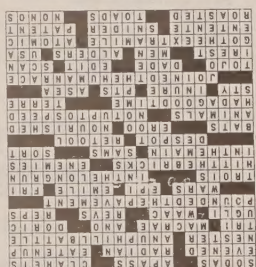
But there's more: One of the media celebs invited again this year was former Channel 7 sports anchor Dan Lovett. I wasn't particularly a fan of his on-air work, but Lovett's a nice guy in person. Lovett's contract wasn't renewed this fall, and when he called Yen to ask if he was still invited, she said "of course." In fact, Lovett even volunteered for the Coughlan clean-up detail the following day, a noble gesture.

But the surly Male TV Reporter, doubtless wanting to uphold the high standards of the tournament, approached Lovett this year, Yen reports, and demanded: "What are you doing here? You don't work at the station any more." A real class act.

But wait ... there's even more. Yen also found out that The Male Reporter had tried to sneak the gatecrashing husband of The Female Reporter in on his TV station's four-man golf team — even though hubby (an expert golfer, obviously a ringer) "didn't work at the station."

Then there was Male Reporter No. 2, who threw a hissy fit at Yen for months over a disputed golf handicap in last year's tournament. He demanded an apology from the disbelieving Yen before he'd deign to accept the free ticket. I didn't see him this year at the Coughlan. But I didn't hear anyone say they missed this talent-impaired jerk, either. He's also the only person in the big station's entire news department I've ever heard co-workers complain about. And you thought it was only professional sports coaches who had to babysit adults.

To Amy Yen: Don't quit the tournament. Believe it or not, most of us appreciate what you do for the kids — and what you sometimes have to put up with from grown-up children.

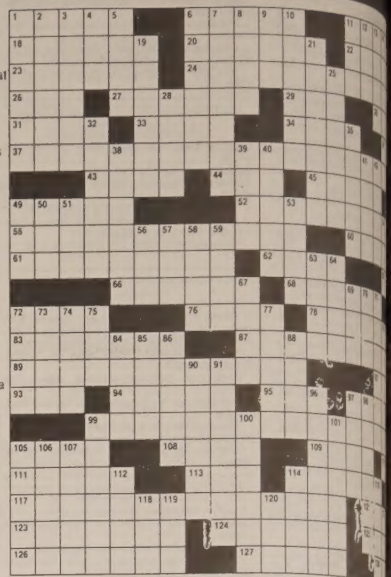


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## BOD

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10 minutes.

They were still down, 10-5, but one sensed that the energy and confidence level was rising. Slowly and patiently, the Cougars clipped away at O'Dowd's lead.

Kagawa served point six; Libby Sanger served the next point; and Lindsay Watty served her first ace of the game to bring Albany within two points at 10-8.

Two straight saves by Ness and Kagawa set up Watty's kill down the right sideline to tie the game at 10-10. Sanger kept up the momentum, scoring two points in a row on kills, one through a double block by

O'Dowd.

The Dragons began unraveling, and called a timeout after shanking the ball out of bounds and handing Albany a 13-10 lead.

With Kagawa serving, Albany had pulled from one point down to three ahead. On Albany's next possession, with Sanger serving, Sillers and Ness put up a huge double block for a 14-10 Albany advantage. But the Dragons didn't get to be one of Northern California's top volleyball teams by collapsing.

They fought back, serving an ace, then forcing a return error by Albany, closing the gap to 14-12. Ott wasn't disintegrating, but he did take a time out.

There was some small talk in the

huddle, something about one point to go and the league title is yours.

Meyer's game-winner was called out on a very controversial call, but Ott had that darned smile plastered on his face.

There was something he knew that the rest of us didn't.

O'Dowd served out on the next play, giving a sidout to Albany.

Up stepped Sillers, the steady server and powerful outside hitter. She served the ball, then made a brilliant running-backward save from the back line. O'Dowd hit the return into the net, and the Cougars, with the victory, added a second ACCAL pennant to their crowded trophy case.

"I told the kids that nothing will come down to one play in this sport.

But there was a relief out there. "It was a very all of us. It's a surprise that it was this time."

Named to the All-Star team, the third time in the Sillers and Watty.

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# Housing

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placement housing, rehabilitated structures or other forms. Housing must be provided for people with "very low income," below 50 percent of the median income in the area, "low income," 51 to 80 percent of the median, and "moderate income," 81 to 120 percent of the median.

Both Raycraft and agency chair Jane Bartke pointed out that the number of persons who qualify, at least for moderate affordable housing, can come as a surprise.

"Teachers always qualify," said Bartke.

County-wide census figures are used to set requirements for a city's "fair-share" contribution of affordable housing to meet the region's needs. El Cerrito has met its requirement in a number of ways and is considered to be ahead of any other city in Contra Costa County in affordable housing. (According to Bartke, the city may be in the lead Bay Area-wide for providing its share of very low income housing.)

Raycraft shared several ways in which the city has met the housing production requirements set by the Association of Bay Area Governments. He said, for example, that "since the Redevelopment Agency has been in existence, it has directly assisted in (the building of) 90 units that are 100 percent affordable for very low incomes."

He said that 15 percent of housing directly produced by an agency must be available for very low income people. El Cerrito has not produced its own.

"It's not a good way to leverage your money," he said.

Of housing produced by developers other than the agency, six percent must be "very low income." In El Cerrito, 15.4 percent has been produced.

"We could produce housing only in the moderate range for the next few years, and we still will have exceeded our requirement," he said.

Significant housing projects have included Hazel Shirley Manor (with 63 very low income units), Del Norte Place (27 units), and the Civic Plaza Apartments. The latter building has no very low units available, he said, adding that the agency traded land for the project and provided no direct financial assistance.

Of 584 units built in the city, Raycraft said, 103 were multi-family, 65 were single family residences (probably razings and replacements, he said), 14 were duplex units, eight were 4-plex units, and 34 were town homes.

A city is required to identify "opportunity sites" for affordable housing and to set 10-year goals and goals beyond 10 years, though the state allows flexibility, since "no one has a crystal ball," he said.

In El Cerrito, several goals have been set for 1995 to the year 2004; again, they may change, he said.

They include housing development at:

- Del Norte BART, 210 to 216 units, with 20 percent (about 42) available for low and moderate incomes;

- The Mayfair site; proposed in the redevelopment implementation plan for 92 housing units, all market rate; the currently proposed theatre would change that plan, if approved;

- El Cerrito Plaza BART station, 130 to 160 units, 20 percent low

and moderate;

- The Audis Trailer Park, 14 single family residences, 100 percent low and moderate income, with some agency assistance, such as a first-time buyer housing program;

- El Cerrito Plaza, 200 units, 20 percent low and moderate.

Proposed for "beyond 2005" are:

- The "Sunset View site" (vacant property on Colusa adjacent to the cemetery), senior housing, 34 to 45 units, 20 percent low and moderate;

- The "Portola site," senior housing,

40 units, 20 percent low and moderate;

- The Idaho Motel, 13 units, 100 percent moderate;

- The IHOP block (including the Food Bowl), 60 mixed use units, with retail, 10 percent moderate;

- The "Potrero and Kearney" site, mixed use with retail, 42 market rate units;

- The El Cerrito Lumber site, 150 housing units, 20 percent low and moderate.

Implementation plans are to be

revisited at least every three years.

In preparing the committee for its Rubicon discussion, Raycraft noted that the conversion of the Idaho Motel into affordable housing has been anticipated since it was added to the list of redevelopment target areas in 1989 and identified as an opportunity housing in the redevelopment implementation plan in 1991.

He also noted that the motel evidently had only 13 units in 1989 and has since been divided into 27 units.

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## Signs

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At the same time, she noted that the Public Safety Commission, dissolved by the council, used to make decisions about the best placement for stop signs. Such a citizen-review function should be reinstituted in some venue, she said.

Among other factors to be considered are the side effects a new stop sign may create, she said. Bartke believes the relatively new signs at Schmidt and Richmond cause so much backup, "people can't get out of their driveways."

"There used to be breaks occasionally," she said. "Now it can be a steady stream, one car after the other."

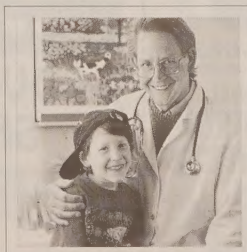
Stronger police enforcement, she said, is the key.

"That is the first step. A stop sign should be installed only when there's been proof that an intersection is dangerous."

Staff has also completed its final draft of appropriate procedures and standards for installing speed humps in El Cerrito. The draft has been forwarded to the police and fire departments, as well as the local ambulance service for comment or recommended changes.

The document will then be forwarded to the city council for consideration. If the standards are adopted, a priority ranking will be made of the requests citizens have made for speed humps, and all parties will be notified of the status of their request.

If the standards are adopted, staff expects the first speed hump or humps to be installed in the city before the end of the year.



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